

Deal may put new pressure on the dollar

Finance ministers hopeful but analysts unconvinced

By Graham Serjeant and Robin Oakley in London and Michael Binyon in Washington

The dollar is likely to come under further pressure this morning in foreign exchange markets as a battle of wits is fought between banks and dealers selling the US currency and European central banks supporting it.

Finance ministers around the world have given a unanimous welcome to the agreement reached late on Friday between the White House and Congress.

This cut \$76 billion from the projected US budget deficit by a two-year package of spending cuts and tax increases, in the hope that it would stabilize the dollar and

prevent any further loss of confidence on world stock markets.

But securities companies and private financial analysts were much more cautious, noting the lack of detail in the agreement. They were also unsure whether the US Administration was now prepared to support the dollar under the February Louvre Accord, or would continue its more recent policy of allowing the currency to fall to make American goods more competitive and reduce any chance of a recession in the US economy.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, said yesterday that the proposed budget cuts were "perfectly adequate". But he regretted that the budget negotiations had taken "rather a long time" and that the cuts did not go far enough.

The British Government was seeking to take a fair measure of the credit for the American Administration's action in cutting its deficit. Mr Lawson claimed that while he did not want to exaggerate its influence, the Prime Minister's letter to President Reagan had been an "important factor" in achieving the programme of deficit cuts, while the package eventually agreed had followed the lines which he had said were necessary in his controversial Mansion House speech.

Mr Lawson said the agreement should set a better tone in financial markets but he would not expect a dramatic reaction on the stock market because the cuts had already been discounted.

Herr Gerhard Stoltenberg, the West German Finance Minister, yesterday called the US budget deal "effective and credible". He said he had repeatedly stressed that a significant deficit-reduction package would be the most important confidence-building measure for the currency and stock markets.

"The Europeans will now examine what contributions they could make under their responsibilities," he added. The accord was also welcomed in Tokyo, Brussels and Paris.

Any fundamental return of confidence to markets may, however, be delayed until finance ministers of the Group

of Seven leading industrial countries meet to agree on a response from Europe and Japan to the US package and renew their previous agreement to stabilize currencies.

Mr Lawson yesterday repeated his call for a meeting of the group as soon as possible and certainly sometime in December. He said that the success of the package in redressing international imbalances would depend on responses by Germany and Japan, which he believed they were willing to make, and on agreement by the United States to take part in international action to stabilize the dollar.

But leaders in Washington and the rest of Europe indicated that a G7 meeting would have to wait at least until budget legislation had been approved by Congress, which recesses this week for Thanksgiving.

Mr Lawson said that the German economy was sluggish and there are signs that "they want to live it up a bit". The Japanese economy is now growing at a respectable pace but more measures are needed to encourage imports.

There were indications yesterday that both Germany and Japan may be willing to make further nominal interest rate cuts as a gesture of support for the US package and that Germany may be willing to increase its own budget deficit. But such measures are likely to depend on a renewal of the currency accord.

Today's first test of the budget deal will come in the Far East, where currency dealers suggested they were still inclined to sell the dollar. But reaction will be muted because markets in Japan, the biggest centre, are closed for a public holiday. In Europe, any selling of dollars is likely to meet stiff resistance from the German Bundesbank.

Apart from responding to the currency moves, stock markets will be waiting for the reaction to the deal on Wall Street, where it has been greeted with relief but some scepticism.

Dealers have heard a chorus of reactions from leading participants in the budget deal, who see the deal as an imperfect compromise, but a useful first step.

In his weekly radio address President Reagan said: "This agreement is probably not the very best deal that could have been struck, but we have to begin somewhere, and I believe this agreement represents just that: a good, solid beginning."

But Senator Lawton Chiles, Democratic chairman of the senate budget committee, said: "Frankly, we haven't done enough." And in a gloomy forecast of more of the political squabbling which has undermined efforts to get a more sweeping agreement, he added: "The job's not finished. And what we have to do will be even harder than what we've done so far."



Herr Stoltenberg: Accord "effective and credible".

Maxwell's foursome

Mr Robert Maxwell, who bought Watford Football Club from Elton John, the pop star, on Friday, now has a significant interest in four clubs.

In addition to Derby County, of which he is chairman, and Oxford United, where his son Kevin is chair-

man, Mr Maxwell has a 25 per cent holding in the second division club Reading.

Meanwhile, the Football League management committee is to meet on Thursday to investigate the Maxwell purchase of Watford.

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Why is Ethiopia starving again? asks Geldof

By Paul Valley

Bob Geldof told *The Times* last night that he was returning to starving Ethiopia to find out why it is again threatened with famine.

"What people will want to know is why is this happening again?" he said. "After all the money that was given last time, after all the personnel and equipment that was put into Ethiopia, after the establishment of effective early warning systems - after all this, why are things no better?"

"I am going out to Ethiopia to find out what the facts are so that I can come back to Europe and cause a fuss in those places where it is needed."

Mr Geldof will return to Ethiopia next week to draw international attention to the famine which is once

again looming in the Horn of Africa and threatening a repeat of the awful scenes which so shocked the Western world that the public donated more than £76 million to his Band Aid and Live Aid enterprises in 1985.

Crops throughout the Ethiopian highlands have this summer failed again on a scale similar to that of the great famine of 1984-85 in which up to 1 million people died.

Mr Geldof said that his visit will have two functions: "To focus attention on the growing gravity of the situation and to ask what can be done to prevent a recurrence of the harrowing scenes of the terrible refugee camps we saw on TV last time."

Aid officials in Ethiopia of both the Government and of international charities have been sounding increas-

ingly gloomy warnings for the past two months. Now they report that, after widespread crop failures, particularly in the northern provinces of Eritrea, Tigré and Wollo, hungry peasants are once again abandoning their barren fields and heading for the points where they hope government food will be available. These are the same places where, during the last famine, huge refugee camps built up.

Latest reports from Addis Ababa predict thousands of deaths before Christmas if money is not found for an airlift and new lorries to get food to the north.

Mr Geldof intends to visit the stricken northern regions where several Band Aid lorries were damaged last month when a food convoy was shot up by rebel forces.

Mr Geldof said that one result of his visit would probably be another appeal to the public for money. "But quite rightly the response of many people when they are asked for cash will be to say: 'Why should we? What happened to the last lot? That is what I am going to find out.' Last time our response was too late... this time I hope we can get in before things get too bad."

RAF role: The Government is likely to receive requests this week to send RAF crews back to Ethiopia to resume food aid distribution (Andrew McEwen writes).

Aid agency workers in Ethiopia said at the weekend that RAF Hercules, which played an important role in 1984-85, were needed again.

Thatcher joins the mourners of Enniskillen



Mrs Thatcher at the Remembrance service at Enniskillen (Photograph: Tim Bishop).

Atrocity can be turning point, says Primate

By John Cooney

Mrs Margaret Thatcher unexpectedly travelled to Northern Ireland yesterday to be among thousands of mourners at a unique Remembrance Sunday service in Enniskillen, Co Fermanagh. It was held in honour not only of the dead of two World Wars but also for the 11 people killed a fortnight ago by an IRA bomb.

The Prime Minister heard the Most Rev Robert Eames, Primate of All Ireland and Archbishop of Armagh, refer to the widespread need felt by ordinary people to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace, and to make the Enniskillen atrocity a turning point in the 18-year-long conflict in Northern Ireland.

Despite persistent blustery winds and rain, the town of Enniskillen witnessed a huge turnout for the re-enactment of the Poppy Day ceremony at the town centre war memorial so tragically interrupted on November 8 by the IRA bomb.

Relatives and friends of those killed in the bomb blast were joined by thousands of visitors from all parts of Northern Ireland, from Britain, from the Irish Republic and from overseas.

Like the Prime Minister, they came to share in the grief of the bereaved and to show their deep appreciation and admiration of the lack of rancour shown by the people of Enniskillen in their response to the bomb outrage.

by her husband and Mr Tom King, Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, had re-arranged an appointment which she was due to keep in Paris with Mr Jacques Chirac, the French Prime Minister.

There was even tighter security for the Prime Minister's visit than there had been for last week's visit to the Ernie Hospital at the Ulster Defence Regiment base of the Prince and Princess of Wales.

Police checked all cars on their way into the town and they made a thorough search of buildings. Armed soldiers in battle gear kept a close watch on the proceedings both at the war memorial and in the Anglican Cathedral of St Macartin near by.

Mrs Thatcher joined the ceremony at the war memorial, overlooked by the site of the demolished St Michael's Community Centre where the IRA bomb had been planted.

The guard of honour around the statue of the unknown soldier was formed by the 4th Battalion The Irish Rangers, who incorporate the Enniskillen regiments.

Escorted by Mr King, Mrs Thatcher stepped forward to lay a fresh wreath at the memorial on behalf of the Government. Others to lay wreaths included Mr Raymond Ferguson, for the Fermanagh District Council, Mr James Moloney and Mr Kenneth Maginnis for the

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Gunman is shot as he advances on police

By Craig Seton

Police chiefs yesterday defended armed officers who shot dead a gunman advancing on them with a pump action shotgun and said they had "absolutely no option" but to open fire.

Avon and Somerset Police said that two marksmen fired on Glyn Davies, aged 29, who was on the run after refusing in defiance of a court order to hand over his daughter, Nikki, aged three, to his estranged wife.

When Davies was cornered at a police roadblock in a country lane after a 14-hour

hunt for him and his daughter, he leapt from his van, ignored appeals to surrender and cocked and raised his shotgun as if to fire.

Davies, who had earlier opened fire on a policeman and threatened others during the chase, was hit in the stomach by a round from a shotgun as he advanced to within 10 yards of 12 policemen manning the roadblock in the country lane near his home in Chard, Somerset. Another policeman fired twice with a .38 Smith & Wesson revolver.

Davies died later in an Exeter hospital. The shotgun, for which he did not have a licence, was found afterwards to be unloaded, but it was unclear whether he had fired at the same time as he was hit.

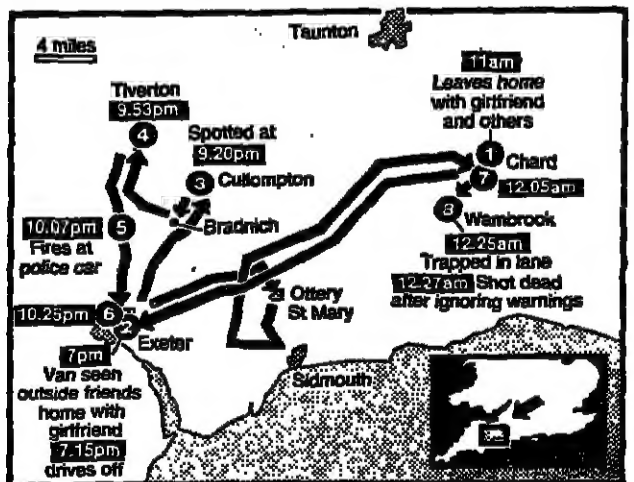
Mr John Harland, Assistant Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset, described how Davies was shot after the gunman had left his daughter in his van, together with his girl friend, and walked back towards the police line that had drawn up behind him.

He said: "He walked back towards the police vehicle that had been pursuing him and which was manned by armed officers. He was brandishing a shotgun."

"From the time he left his vehicle until he was eventually shot the police were warning him to lay down his gun and give himself up. He continued towards the police line and we deployed police dogs to deter him but they failed."

Mr Harland said the firearms officers displayed "totally commendable restraint". "They were placed in a position where they had absolutely no option but to safeguard themselves and

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Good omen for the summit

From Christopher Walker Geneva

Mr Eduard Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, yesterday spoke in warm terms about improving relations between the superpowers and predicted confidently that despite outstanding problems, the historic treaty banning medium and shorter-range missiles would be completed on time.

Speaking on arrival here to begin two days of talks with Mr George Shultz, his US opposite number, Mr Shev-

ardnadze appeared determined to dispel any suggestion that the last-minute decision to call this week's meetings signified any crisis over the Washington summit due to open on December 7.

His statement, more positive than those which often precede tricky negotiations between Moscow and Washington on issues which in the past have caused bitterness, was taken by Western diplomats as a good omen for the summit.

It was highly symbolic that his "crucial meeting" with Mr

Shultz was taking place in the same city where the first Corbushov-Reagan summit was held in November, 1985, he said.

Mr Shevardnadze - who has by common consent struck up a harmonious working relationship with Mr Shultz - did not seek to make light of the problems which still remain if the deadline for the Intermediate Nuclear Forces treaty is to be met, but added: "I expect we will be able to complete our work successfully."

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Escalator caught fire twice before

By Tony Dawe

The wooden escalator at the centre of the King's Cross Underground disaster caught fire twice in the days before the fatal blaze. *The Times* learned yesterday.

The escalator, installed 48 years ago, had a history of mechanical problems and had been repaired on countless occasions. It was patched up again after the two recent fires on November 7 and 11, which caused no serious damage.

Investigators, who were still at the scene yesterday, are certain the fire started in a fixed part of the escalator's mechanism, probably because of overheating, and erupted into flame after smouldering for some time.

The cause of the blaze may be disclosed tomorrow when

an inquest opens on the 30 victims.

Details of the previous fires on the escalator will be given in a speech tonight by Mr Frank Dobson, Labour MP for Holborn and St Pancras, which includes King's Cross. He will accuse London Re-

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gional Transport, re-usable for running the underground, of "skimping on safety".

The first fire occurred on Saturday November 7, according to Mr Roger Diamond, a youth worker who lives in the constituency. He said yesterday: "A friend and I were travelling on the escalator at about 9pm when we

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Clean sweep

England's cricketers completed a 3-0 defeat of Pakistan in their one-day series when they won by 98 runs in Peshawar.

Portfolio

The £3,000 prize in Saturday's Times Portfolio Gold daily competition double the usual amount as there was no winner on Friday, was won by a reader in Ormskirk, Lancashire, while the £3,000 weekly prize was shared by three readers. Details, page 3.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Ford foremen threaten strike

Leaders of the 2,500 foremen at Ford factories in Britain yesterday threatened to strike unless a three-year pay package was withdrawn in favour of a new agreement.

A ballot of the foremen is due to be held. The foremen, who belong to the Association of Scientific, Technical and Managerial Staffs, believe the company's pay package is intended to eliminate the difference between white and blue collar workers.

They fear one effect will be to reduce the ratio of foremen to manual workers from one to 25 to one to 80, which they claim will mean the loss of around 1,500 jobs.

At the company's Halewood plant in Merseyside 2,000 workers are on strike for 24 hours today.

MP called Nassau by whip

Mr Ken Livingstone, the left wing Labour MP for Brent East, who has infuriated Labour's leadership with his remarks about the IRA, is to be called before Mr Derek Foster, Opposition Chief Whip, this week.

The Whips Office wants to prevent Mr Livingstone from further setting himself apart at Westminster where they believe he has damaged himself and his party.

Mr Livingstone, who predicted eventual victory in Ulster for the IRA, has been ostracized by a number of his Parliamentary Labour Party colleagues.

Granada expansion

Granada, the entertainment, catering and petrol retailing group, is spending £35 million on expanding its chain of service stations and motels.

Seven new service areas and 15 Granada Lodges will give it a network bigger than that of its main rival, Trusthouse Forte.

The new sites are on the A1 at Blyth; at Thurrock (M25) and Tamworth (M42), developed in conjunction with Esso; at Leicester (A50) and Swanwick (A38) in a joint venture with Mobil; and at Warminster (A36) and Sahas (A38).

BR set for Legal plea fares rise for baby

Train fares will go up by more than the rate of inflation in January, British Rail announced yesterday. However, it denied reports that the rise will be 7% per cent.

The board said the increase is intended to reduce the Government's public sector obligation by £186 million by 1989-90 and provide a better service with higher standards of comfort and timing.

The rises will be less than the 9% per cent rise to be introduced by London Regional Transport from January 10.

Defence chief search

Moves are under way to choose a successor for Admiral Sir John Fieldhouse, Chief of Defence Staff, who retires next year (Michael Evans writes).

It is understood that of the three service chiefs, the most likely candidate is Air Chief Marshal Sir David Craig. The choice has to be approved by the Prime Minister.

The RAF has not had a Chief of Defence Staff since the late Lord Cameron, who was succeeded in 1979 by Admiral Sir Terence Lewin, now Lord Lewin. Mrs Margaret Thatcher's principal military adviser in the Falklands conflict, Admiral Fieldhouse, who masterminded the Royal Navy's Task Force operation in the South Atlantic, took over the position from Field Marshal Sir Edwin Bramall in November 1985.

Poll tax 'outrage' by nurses

The Royal College of Nursing said yesterday it was outraged at the Government's decision to treat student nurses as wage earners in assessing the community charge (Jill Sherman writes). It has asked for an urgent meeting with Mr Nicholas Ridley, Secretary of State for the Environment.

The college said it had been led to believe that nurses in training would be treated as full time students and would have to pay only 20 per cent of their poll tax.

However, Mr Michael Howard, the minister responsible for local government, confirmed on Radio 4's *The World This Week* that student nurses would be liable to poll tax in line with other part time students.

However, he emphasized there would be rebates for those on low incomes, although he could not guarantee that nurses would be included.

Government faces biggest test over schools Bill

By Sarah Thompson Education Reporter

The Education Bill launched last week will be the biggest test of this Government's third term, the Bill's architect, Mr Kenneth Baker, said yesterday.

Interviewed on BBC 1's *This Week, Next Week*, the Secretary of State for Education and Science said: "It won't all happen suddenly in one year. The changes will take place in the lifetime of this Parliament and well beyond."

Mr Baker also repeated his own view of the speed with which schools will seek to leave the control of local authorities and become grant-maintained.

Asked if in five year's time he expected most to have opted out, he said: "It will not happen in that time scale. Some will go out in 1989 and it will grow."

He underlined his main concession to the Churches, which is the reinforcement of religious education in the national curriculum, and added that church-appointed gov-

ernors who run voluntary aided schools would still be in control if their schools opted out.

During the consultation period this summer Mr Baker was criticized by the Anglican and Roman Catholic churches, whose objections he has gone some way to meet.

In response to the original discussion documents this summer, Dr David Konstant, the Catholic Bishop of Leeds, complained of the lack of moral and spiritual values in

the national curriculum. Dr Graham Leonard, Bishop of London, said the opt-out plan would increase disparities between schools.

Yesterday a senior education spokesman for the Church of England said that in spite of the moves towards the Churches made in the Bill, bishops would be joining forces with opposition peers when the Bill reaches the House of Lords.

Mr Colin Alves, general secretary of the General Synod Board of Education, said: "We

are worried not about whether church schools will remain church schools if they opt out", he said, "but about what opting out does to the whole education system."

● An educational researcher claims that the method proposed for assessing the General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) 16-plus examination will lead to pupils being graded lower than under GCSE O levels.

● Schools and colleges are relying increasingly on recorded television programmes to make up for shortages of

science and technology teachers, according to Guild Sound and Television, a company which grants copyright licences to schools to videotape educational broadcasts.

Among the most popular television programmes purchased from the Guild over the last year, Shakespeare's plays were beaten into third place by a series on craft/design/technology.

● A letter sent last night by the National Campaign for the Arts to Mr Baker urges that arts should be given parity with sciences in schools.

Work 'road shows' will take help to inner cities

By Nicholas Wood, Political Correspondent

Teams of mobile job finders are to be drafted into the inner cities to lead an unprecedented government drive to shrink the unemployment benefit queues.

A fleet of brightly painted buses staffed by job counsellors with video films extolling the latest training and business start-up opportunities is expected to be operating by next year in the areas worst affected by unemployment.

Less visibly, but equally significantly, job clubs, offering personal guidance to the long-term unemployed on getting back to work, are to take to the road as part of a greatly expanded effort.

Twenty-four areas have been targeted and the clubs will be setting up shop in places such as libraries and community centres. Overall, it is projected that their numbers will jump by nearly 300 over the next four months.

Those new initiatives will be backed up by job centre staff using their records to track down the long-term jobless and call on them at their homes to persuade them to take advantage of new opportunities.

The initiatives, part of the Prime Minister's crusade to ensure that run-down urban areas share in the country's new found prosperity, are being masterminded by Mr Norman Fowler, Secretary of State for Employment.

Last week, he told the Commons he was setting up a new £1.5 billion training programme with 600,000 places to help the 1,200,000 people who have been out of work for at least six months.

As part of the shake-up of the Manpower Services Commission announced last month, job centres now come under his direct control.

In a radical break with practice, he has ordered the centres and associated services to abandon their largely

Wider brief for Tube inquiry

By David Sapsed

The timing of the inquiry into the King's Cross Underground disaster and the name of the senior lawyer to chair it are expected to be disclosed by Mr Paul Channon, Secretary of State for Transport, early this week.

He has said that it will look at the lessons to be learnt and not just the causes of the disaster which killed 30 people last Wednesday night.

As more details emerge, those lessons are certain to include evacuation procedures for Underground stations and improved communications for staff.

The evacuation plan at King's Cross, based on using trains to get out passengers stranded on the station, ended in confusion last Wednesday because it "had never been properly thought out," British Transport police officers claimed yesterday.

Commuters trapped on platforms by the escalator fire complained they had not been able to escape because trains had been instructed not to stop at the station.

Yesterday officers at King's Cross confirmed that police on the spot had ordered the control room not to allow any more trains to stop, but only because the evacuation theory was not working in practice.

But some rail experts remain baffled why empty trains, whose passengers had been ordered off at previous stations, were then sent straight through King's Cross without stopping.

● Five days after the King's Cross disaster, survivors are struggling to cope with the enormous guilt and trauma resulting from their experiences, professional counsellors manning the 24-hour "helpline" service said yesterday.

The head of the service, established by Camden social services department on Friday after getting advice from counsellors involved in the Zebrugga and Bradford tragedies, said yesterday that people involved in the tragedy might require many months of help.



Glyn Davies (top), the dead gunman, and his estranged wife, Teresa, with their daughter, Ella Jayne; and (below): the roadblock near Chard where Davies was stopped by police.

Gunman on the run shot

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their colleagues and to shoot him."

Davies, who was unemployed, was a fanatical body-builder with a history of violence. Because of his build he was described as a "man mountain".

Mrs Teresa Davies had walked out with the couple's three children last Tuesday. The following day Davies snatched Nikki back and Mrs Davies obtained a custody order on Friday.

The final drama started on Saturday after his wife called at their home in Montague Road with two police officers and a bailiff to order him to hand Nikki over.

But Davies pulled out the pump action shotgun he used for poaching and threatened his wife, the bailiff and the officers.

He loaded Nikki, an unnamed girl friend and another couple with their two children into his blue Escort van and drove towards Devon.

In Exeter the couple and their two children were dropped off and later, on a road outside the town, Davies fired his shotgun at a policeman in a car before driving back towards Chard. During the search for Davies, his girl friend and Nikki, across Devon and Somerset, 100 police officers were deployed.

He was finally stopped at 1am yesterday.

Firearms for use only in last resort

Every armed police officer carries a pink card authorizing him to be issued with a firearm. It also carries a clear warning that use of the firearm is an individual decision which may have to be justified in court.

The warning is headed Guidelines on the Use of Minimum Force and first quotes Section 3 of the Criminal Law Act: "A person may use such force as is reasonable in the circumstances in the prevention of crime, or in the effecting or assisting in the lawful arrest of offenders or suspected offenders or of persons unlawfully at large".

The key section, marked Strict Reminder, says: a firearm is to be used only as a last resort. Other methods must, because of the circumstances, be unlikely to succeed if tried.

For example, a firearm may be used when it is apparent that the police cannot achieve their lawful purpose of preventing loss, or further loss, of life by any other means.

Wherever practicable, on oral warning is to be given before a firearm is used. The last words on the card are emphasized: remember the law, remember your training.

The card was issued when rules for the use of firearms were changed in the aftermath of the Stephen Waldorf shooting in 1982. The other main change was to make an assistant chief constable or equivalent rank responsible for issuing firearms.

More than 40,000 people in the Thames Valley police area, scene of the Hungerford massacre last August, hold licences issued by the police to own firearms, including semi-automatic weapons.

Thames Valley's Chief Constable, Mr Colin Smith, will detail the figures in a report on the massacre, in which 16 people and the gunman, Michael Ryan, died, to be presented to the area's police authority on Friday.

Mr Smith's report says that Ryan, wearing a bullet-proof vest, was shot by police officers' shots, possessed bullets capable of penetrating thin armour.

The operation to rescue Ryan, wearing a bullet-proof vest, was shot by police officers' shots, possessed bullets capable of penetrating thin armour.

The score is eight points to Kasparov and seven points to Karpov.

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Turned to steroids admits champion woman body builder

By Kerry Gill

A woman body building champion has admitted taking anabolic steroids before last year's British championships and says their use is almost universal among top body builders.

Mrs Wendy Tarbat (below), from Dundee and a Scottish champion, said: "If you want to be the best, then steroids are essential".

Mrs Tarbat, aged 29, said she took the drugs only before last year's British championships. "I took them for a few months. For me, it let me maintain my muscle size while dieting, but I would

never tell anybody to take them. It is a personal decision."

Mrs Tarbat, who decided to give up competitive body building last week, said she stopped taking steroids because she believed they should be taken only for a certain time.

Even after her short course on steroids, she experienced unpleasant withdrawal symptoms. After coming off the "juice" or "gear", as the drugs are called, she suffered depression.

"Steroids only take you that little bit further. You have got

to be a champion first. You have to develop your body to the limit first and then take them for that little bit extra."

More people, she says, should admit to their use. "I didn't take them for the Scottish championships, but to compete in England. I knew I would have to."

She is barely 5ft tall, has been Scottish women's champion under the 52 kilo weight limit for four years, and this month came seventh in the British championships.

Mrs Tarbat bought her steroids across the counter in a Benidorm chemist's shop and brought them home, quite legally, for her own use.

Each day she took up to six Anavar, known as the female steroid because it is reckoned to be non-toxic and mild.

However, she said, steroids promote a false impression of muscle development. The muscle size, prodigious during the use of steroids, will fall off within days after the use of the drugs is stopped.

None the less, Mrs Tarbat believes that steroids will continue to be used in body building because of the public demand for increasingly developed physiques.



Inquiry into mail order drug dealer

By Howard Foster and John Goodbody

Government officials are to investigate the purchase of hormone drugs from an illegal mail order seller reported in *The Times* on Saturday.

The Department of Health and Social Security said yesterday that officials would look into the report.

An investigation by *The Times* into the multi-million pound international drugs business has established that Britain has become a leading staging post for the supply of hormone drugs to the world market.

A hormone drug, needles and syringes were sent to a doctor by registered post after he responded to an advertisement in a national body building magazine.

The illegal supplier, Mr Robert Barratt, an unemployed physical fitness instructor, later told *The Times* that he had a weekly turnover of about £500 and was supplying about 25 people with the drugs which originally came from Spain and Greece.

Under the terms of the

Medicines Act, 1968, it is legal for individuals to possess hormone drugs in Britain but it is unlawful to supply them except on prescription.

The Government is considering whether the hormone drugs should be brought within the controls of the Misuse of Drugs Act, 1971.

That would make it a criminal offence to possess, supply, traffic or manufacture the drug illegally, as is the case with heroin, cocaine and cannabis.

At home with Britain's highest earner



Report and photograph by Stephen Markeson

Off-Duty: Mr Christopher Heath, whose earnings of £2.5 million made him Britain's highest paid businessman, yesterday spoke for the first time about the invasion of privacy that he and his family had suffered.

Mr Heath, aged 41, and his wife, Maggie, expressed their amazement at the public interest while relaxing at their country home in Hereford and Worcester.

He is managing director of Baring Securities, a subsidiary of Baring Brothers merchant bank, and has been working successfully in the Japanese broking market for 13 years.

He joined the main board of Baring Brothers last year, which meant his income became public knowledge.

"I really can't understand what all the fuss was about," Mr Heath said.

"Journalists and photog-

raphers were camped out on the doorstep of our London home for days and I was offended that our privacy was invaded. We all felt awful."

"In any other country one would have been congratulated for being a success in business. Instead, we were made to feel guilty. In America I would have been a hero."

Sitting by the log fire in the drawing room, Mr Heath's wife said: "At a time when I should have felt so proud of Christopher's achievements, I was being humiliated, and we all felt very unhappy."

When asked how he had been affected by the recent crash of the world stock markets, Mr Heath said: "We have more than weathered the storm, and I am delighted to say that we remain in an extremely strong position."

"We had felt nervous about the high level of the markets

for some time, and we acted very quickly when we saw the warning lights flashing."

The son of an Army general, Mr Heath left Ampleforth College in 1964, and his first job as a clerk with ICI brought in an annual salary of £410.

"I left and went to work in Japan. Baring Securities had a small staff of just 15 in Tokyo and London. Now we employ 370 people in offices in New York, Hong Kong, Seoul, Singapore and Frankfurt."

Mr Heath was in reflective mood with his springer spaniel, Bunty, beside him. "What I love most of all when I am in England, is going horse racing with my wife." He has several horses in training.

When he is not racing or abroad, Mr Heath still manages to follow his other hobby, shooting, and never misses his annual fly fishing trip to Scotland in pursuit of salmon.

Portfolio Gold Win to be a treat

A big surprise is in store for someone close to Saturday's sole daily winner of the £8,000 prize.

Mr Tom Williams, aged 50, a computer systems consultant from Ormskirk in Lancashire would give nothing away, but he said the money would be the basis of a very nice treat for someone who was not expecting it.

A co-operative family arrangement paid off for one of Saturday's three weekly winners, Miss Marion Gaskin, aged 28, a pharmaceutical market researcher, from Royston, Hertfordshire, whose father checks her Portfolio numbers for her each day.

"I just have to Portfolio-sit

when he is on holiday", she said.

Mrs Marjorie Curran, aged 64, who lives in Budleigh Salterton, Devon, with her husband, Dennis, said winning was such a thrill because she did not usually win anything. She said the money would be useful at Christmas.

The third winner was Mr Robert Nokes, aged 48, from Langford, Biggleswade, Bedfordshire.

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Women ignore health risks

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Young women are heading for an early grave through smoking, heavy drinking and lack of exercise, according to a report published today.

The report, from the Office of Health Economics, says that 50,000 women aged 17-29 drink the equivalent of five spirit measures a day, and 50-70 per cent of women between their late teens and early forties take no form of regular exercise. Also a third of all girls aged 16-19 smoke, 3 per cent more than male smokers in the same age group.

The report by the independent research organization, which is funded by the Association of the British Pharma-

ceutical Industry, emphasizes that women are more aware of the importance of a healthy lifestyle but do not seem to be modifying unhealthy habits.

Although 75 per cent of women knew the value of leading a healthy lifestyle, less than 20 per cent took regular exercise, 32 per cent smoked and nearly 50 per cent were overweight or obese.

The document says that lung cancer deaths among women aged 55-74 have increased by almost 50 per cent over the past decade, whereas for men they fell by nearly 20 per cent.

Smoking, alcohol, diet and exercise are either established

or strongly suspected as contributors to heart disease, stroke, breast and lung cancer, says the report. "Together these diseases accounted for 48,705 deaths among women under 75 last year."

The report shows that the life expectancy of 77.9 years for women in England and Wales is over three years less than in Japan where it is 81 years, and is less than the United States (78.3 years) and most other European countries, including France (80.1), Spain (78.6), and West Germany (78.3). Life expectancy is even lower in Scotland at 75.9 years and Northern Ireland at 76.9 years.

Action soon on misuse of alcohol and tobacco

The Government is preparing crackdowns on drinking and smoking in the wake of further evidence highlighting the health hazards (Sheila Gurm writes).

Two reports will soon go to Home Office and health ministers calling for tougher action to fight the disturbing rise in alcohol abuse among young people and also against smoking in public places.

However, the Government is known to be already considering action on both fronts, possibly including changes to the law.

The effect of Britain's

£2 billion a year alcoholism problem on young people will be emphasized this week by the Home Office. It is expected to call for a ban on the advertising of spirits on television and at cinemas.

The Department of Health and Social Security will also be presented with further proof soon of dangers to non-smokers of inhaling other people's tobacco fumes.

It is expected to lead to the Government launching a campaign to stop people smoking in public places and at work.

Chips remain popular food with teenagers

British teenagers are taking in messages about healthy eating, in spite of eating chips and butter in large quantities and drinking alcohol (Andrew Morgan writes).

The latest findings of a survey monitoring 15,000 children born in 1970 show four out of five were not regular smokers and many were aware of health issues.

Even so, the survey found that half the 500 teenagers analysed in the early findings ate chips up to five times a week, one third ate butter every day and two thirds had drunk alcohol the week before.

Paris auction in comeback

By Sarah Jane Checkland, Art Market Correspondent, Paris

France may have produced the Impressionists but for a generation the auction houses of London and New York have reaped the financial benefit. Sotheby's made a quick \$5 million in buyer's commission alone when it sold Van Gogh's "Trises" in New York for \$53.9 million recently.

At the weekend, Paris made a big effort for a place in the international art market when it launched its new auction venue, the refurbished Champs Elysée theatre, with the sale of the Georges Renand collection of Impressionist and Post-Impressionist paintings. The prices of two Modigliani paintings surpassed the artist's previous record but, on the whole, prices remained depressed.

The owner of the French department stores Samaritaine, Renand had amassed 45 paintings by most of the great names of Impressionism and Post-Impressionism, including Cézanne, Bonnard and Matisse. His collection, sold by his children on Friday night, showed a taste for paintings on an intimate scale, often with women as their subject.

The auctioneers had gone to great lengths to drum up overseas interest, holding an exhibition of the works - as Sotheby's has done - in Tokyo before the sale. As a result, 35 Japanese travelled to Paris specially and made the

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sale go with a swing, bidding eagerly against each other and buying many of the best lots.

However on the whole, prices failed to match those recently attained by the "English" auction houses. Four Vuillards sold for between £138,000 and £305,000. A fine painting, "Paysage D'Alger", by the Douanier Rousseau, fetched £118,343.

That can be put down to the monopoly of the official French auctioneers and their corresponding inefficiency. Although Friday night was conducted in an atmosphere of razzmatazz, it threatened to turn nasty when a number of ticket-holders were denied access to the foyer, where their tickets were waiting for them.

The second damper on proceedings was the strict

French export rules set up by André Malraux when he was Minister for the Arts in the early 1960s.

On Friday it was announced that the government had promised to allow export of the entire Renand collection apart from two Van Goghs, but by the next day's sales the system was back to normal.

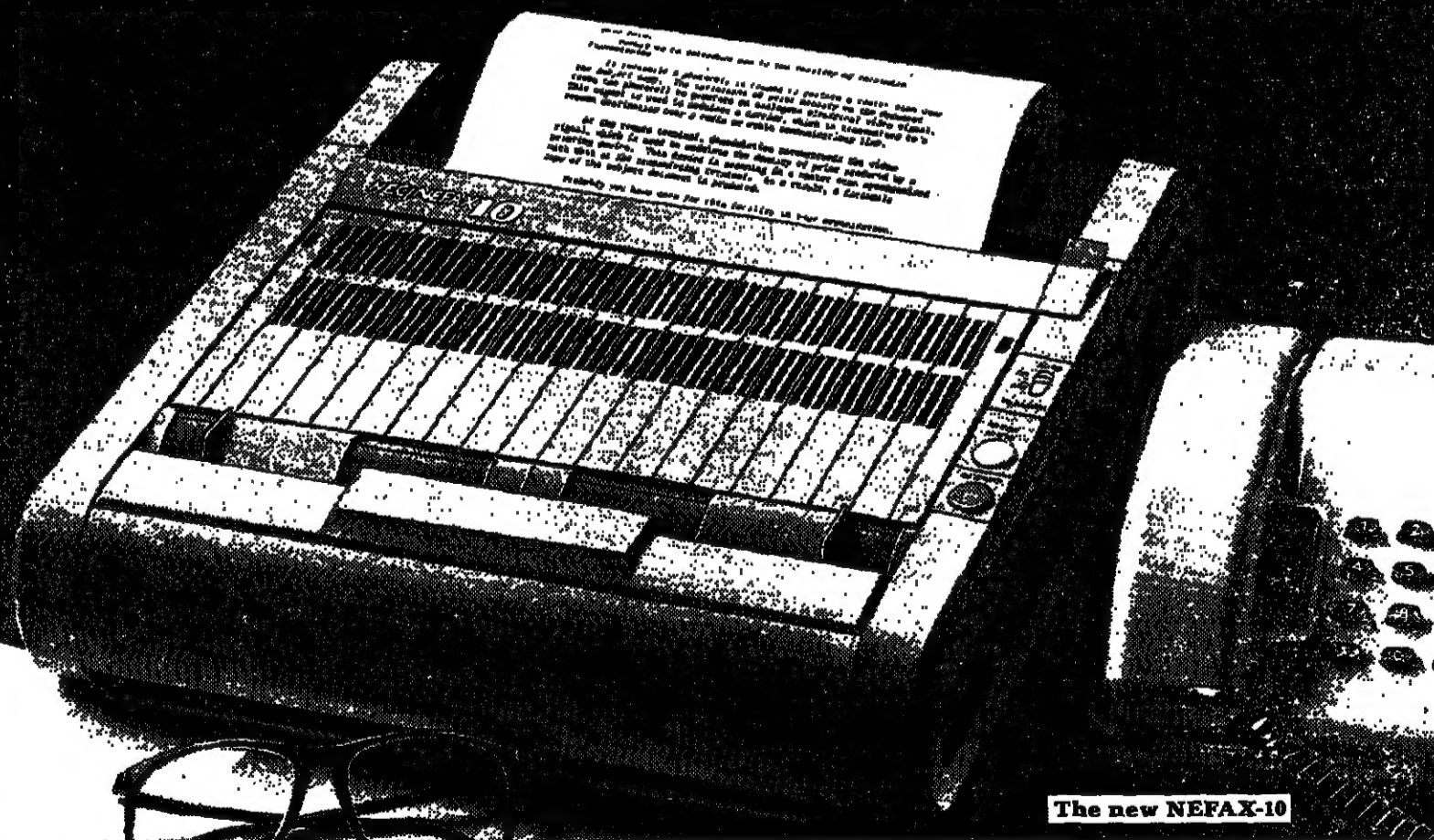
The 12-day auction season continued with the sale of old master paintings by the Ader Picard Tajan but all the buyers seemed to be French.

The top price was Ffr 1.4 million (£1,350,000) for an atmospheric seascape called "Le Matin", by Vermet, while Vigée Lebrun's portrait of Daria Opotchinine fetched Ffr 1 million (£950,000).

Sales of modern decorative glass by Bukowski's in Stockholm on Friday, where Galie wares were much in demand, and by Sotheby's in New York on Saturday showed that this particular market is strong and international (Huw Mallalieu writes).

In New York a rare and early Lalique figure of a woman in the *cire perdue* technique made \$148,500, or £82,222, more than doubling the upper estimate.

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Operation Takeaway cuts Chinese drugs connection

By Ian Smith

Detectives posing as international drug dealers have infiltrated a Chinese crime syndicate in Amsterdam and foiled attempts to gain control of the British heroin market.

Street prices could have dropped from £80 a gramme to just £25 as the syndicate increased supplies and lowered prices.

According to the Home Office, there are 8,445 registered heroin addicts although some think that represents only 10 per cent of the real number. Cheaper heroin would inevitably add to the addiction statistics.

After a five-month undercover investigation in Amsterdam, codenamed Operation Takeaway, detectives from Number Three Regional Crime Squad have arrested

four men they suspect of being key figures in the syndicate.

Opium and morphine produced in Laos were being smuggled into Amsterdam where chemists extracted the heroin for couriers to bring into Britain.

The syndicate wanted to squeeze out competitors by selling supplies to dealers at £20,000 per kilo instead of the £20,000 charged by Turks, who principally control the illicit trade.

Details of the underworld price war can be disclosed by *The Times* after the arrests in Amsterdam of four suspected leaders of the syndicate.

Det Chief Supt Ronald Sagar, co-ordinator of Number Three Regional Crime Squad, and two detectives from his drugs investigation

unit, helped by Amsterdam police, swooped on a canal-front Chinese restaurant and three homes near by.

Seven kilograms of pure heroin worth more than £1 million was also seized. The four men are awaiting trial in Amsterdam on drugs charges.

Serving the "Chinese connection" is the second successive important coup for members of the regional crime squad trying to destroy the international drugs trade from their spartan headquarters in a side street of Wakefield, West Yorkshire.

Squad members first became aware of the heroin market takeover attempt from Amsterdam while investigating a cocaine trail which led to the Dutch capital and a Bolivian aged 41.

Working closely with local police and masquerading as drug users, tourists and even street cleaners, the inquiry team collected enough evidence to arrest the Bolivian.

The South American, now awaiting trial, is thought by police to be deeply involved in the weekly world distribution to dealers of 500kg of cocaine worth £40 million.

While pursuing the Bolivian, detectives heard street gossip about a powerful Chinese syndicate using the city as a base to send vast quantities of high grade heroin to Britain. Posing as potential customers Mr Sagar and his colleagues flew between Wakefield and Amsterdam and gradually gained the trust of syndicate leaders.

"It was clear from the outset that this Chinese group were intent on wresting control of the British heroin market by undercutting their Turkish competitors. If they discovered our true identities these men would not have hesitated to kill," Mr Sagar said.

"Whenever one of us met any syndicate contact, the other two always knew exactly where he was and remained close at hand in case things got rough. I cannot speak too highly of the hard work and courage of my officers in this investigation or of the co-operation extended by Amsterdam police."

Trust buys hill farm sanctuary



By Andrew Morgan

The Redwings Wildlife Trust in mid-Wales is buying an unspoilt 200-year-old hill farm, considered a unique wildlife sanctuary.

Dr Gordon Parker, chairman of the trust, is seen above (left) with Mr David Hargreaves, its conservation officer, on the 383-acre farm which is close to the foothills of the Cambrian mountains.

The trust began the task of saving

Gilfach farm, Rhayader, in Powys, last August and received guarantees of £100,000 from the National Heritage Memorial Fund, £20,000 from the Countryside Commission and £5,000 from the World Wildlife Fund.

Private promises have been made towards the price of £158,000, but thousands of pounds are still required to renovate the dilapidated Welsh long house.

The trust believed that changing

patterns of agriculture and residential development threatened the diversity of habitats at the farm where 75 species of birds have been recorded.

Another rare feature is 240 acres of unimproved hill land.

Mr Hargreaves said: "We would like to see Gilfach farmed in a traditional way but, of course, this must be compatible with the wildlife and public access."

(Photograph: Philip Dunn)

Crime fight project spreads

By Gregory Weingarten

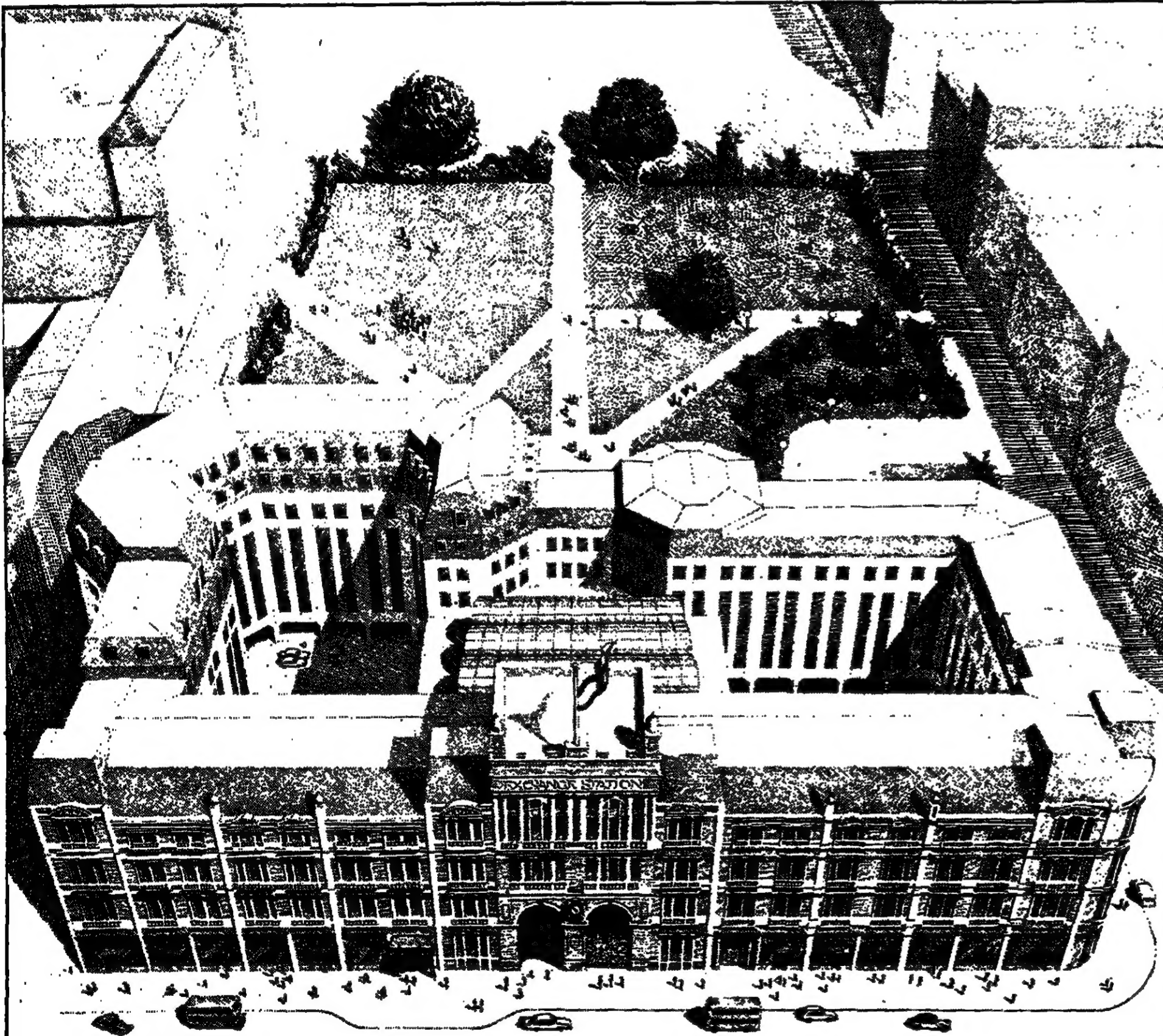
A radical crime-fighting scheme producing impressive results in East Anglia will be launched in London next year and could spread throughout Britain. The Crime Stoppers scheme first used in the United States helps the police to catch criminals by awarding money for information leading to an arrest.

While some critics have called the project too mercenary, police in Norfolk, where Crime Stoppers was introduced in 1983, say the three programmes there have been a big help in clearing up crimes and improving community relations.

Each week, a different crime is publicised in the local newspaper with a free police phone line. Callers, whose identity remains secret, are paid rewards of up to £250.

The Metropolitan Police will give Londoners a weekly dose of Crime Stoppers on radio, television and in newspapers from January 11. The London scheme will combat only crimes of violence and will offer a reward of up to £500.

Mr John Patten, Home Office Minister of State, said: "The Government welcomes any initiative which promotes co-operation between the community and police in the fight against crime."



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Aid sought for jobless offenders

By Peter Evans
Home Affairs
Correspondent

Seventy per cent of people on probation officers' caseloads are unemployed, according to the National Association for the Care and Resettlement of Offenders.

At least 40 per cent have been without work for a year or more.

The association wants extra funding for organisations running community programme schemes. They can help to reduce crime and the prison population, Nacro says.

In a submission to the Department of Employment and the Manpower Services Commission (MSC) published today, Nacro points out that the level of payment by the MSC to cover organisations' operating costs has remained unchanged since 1983 at £440 for each participant a year.

It says this represents a real cut of between 25 per cent and 30 per cent.

Nacro manages 120 community programme schemes which employ more than 16,000 formerly jobless people, including former offenders.

The association says: "The national initiative on crime prevention has also led the way in many areas for the private, public and voluntary sectors to put into place a wide range of preventive measures."

"From lock fitting schemes for pensioners to setting up or supporting youth facilities, from workshops for manufacturing security fittings to neighbourhood consultation and development projects, the community programme has provided the labour resources to get the work done."

'Hostility to women' in pubs

Discrimination against women still exists in public houses and is worst in the North, according to an Egon Ronay guide published yesterday.

"The lack of acceptance is not being practised by landlords or barmen but by their female counterparts. Many landladies and barmaids show open hostility and resentment towards women on their own," his 1988 *Guide to Good Food in Pubs and Bars* says.

A newly recruited female inspector, referred to only as Elizabeth, said she had encountered many problems in the past 18 months visiting establishments throughout the United Kingdom "but acceptance worsened in the North".

"If the fortunes of pubs are to thrive then they must welcome women who are on their own," she said.

"When women are driving many thousands of miles a year, particularly through country areas, pubs provide an ideal place to pause." A similar lack of welcome was witnessed by the guide's inspectors towards the elderly, who in many pubs represent 90 per cent of mid-week lunchtime custom.

The Wykeham Arms Hotel in Winchester, Hampshire, was named Pub of the Year, and the runners up were the Queen's Head in Newton, Cambridgeshire, and the Black Bull, Moulton, North Yorkshire.

The landlords of the Wykeham Arms are Graeme and Anne Jameson, who opened their public house three and a half years ago. Egon Ronay's 1988 *Coca-Cola Guide to Good Food in Pubs and Bars* (The Automobile Association: £6.95).

Justice Bill move on compensation

By Sheila Gunn, Political Staff

Victims of a miscarriage of justice will be entitled to automatic compensation under a change in the law agreed by Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary.

An amendment to the Criminal Justice Bill will give prisoners whose convictions are quashed or are pardoned the right to government payments.

At present it is left to Mr Hurd to decide whether or not to pay compensation. The statutory commitment will bring Britain into line with international agreements.

Lord Cailhess, Minister of State at the Home Office with responsibility for prisons, disclosed the change to Labour and independent peers who

attempted to add the amendment to the Bill while it is in the House of Lords.

It will not be ready until the Bill is before MPs because it will entail discussions with a variety of interests within the Government, he said.

Lord Elwyn-Jones, the former Labour Lord Chancellor, and his colleague Lord Mishcon, tried to add their own amendment to the Bill. However the Home Office was unhappy with the drafting and is to draw up its own clause.

They have been supported from the independent cross-benches by Lord Monson, president of the Society for Individual Freedom.

War crime trial hope

Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, is considering a change in the law so that 16 alleged Nazi war criminals can stand trial in Britain.

The change would bring Britain into line with France and The Netherlands and is also under discussion in Canada and Australia.

It will help to cut off the havens sought by alleged war criminals at the end of the Second World War who have since adopted new citizenship and, often, backgrounds.

Mr Hurd gave hope to the all-party war crimes group at Westminster by vowing there will be "no closed doors".

The possible solutions he is considering include amending one of the pieces of legislation currently before Parliament, such as the Criminal Justice Bill, or to strip the alleged criminals of their British citizenship by arguing that it was obtained fraudulently.

Another option is to agree to extradite the suspects to Israel to stand trial. This is considered less likely.

Most are believed to be Lithuanians, Latvians and White Russians allegedly involved in the murder of thousands of Jews in their former homelands. They are believed to have taken British citizenship in the 1950s and 1960s.



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Violence at the workplace: 1

High level of assaults on public service employees

Four social workers have been killed on duty during the past three and a half years. Three of the victims were women fieldworkers and the other, a man, was attacked in the hostel where he worked.

A survey by Mr Colin Rowett, a social work manager in Surrey, reported a high level of hidden violence throughout Britain.

One in 259 social workers told their managers they had been assaulted at least once in five years. Closer study in one county, however, showed that one in four social workers had actually been assaulted in that time. More detailed questioning disclosed they had been attacked about once a year.

In some residential jobs, social workers were assaulted at least once a year, sufficient to cause bruising or more serious injury, and some of them as many as 10 or 20 times. Mr Rowett conducted his research as a Cropwood fellow at the Institute of Criminology, Cambridge.

Mr Roy Crate, chairman of a project group on violence towards staff, said that a study by Cheshire Social Services Department indicated that ev-

ery day there were nine assaults on its staff.

Four out of five nurses who replied to a questionnaire in the Royal College of Nursing newspaper said they had been violently attacked. Forty per cent of the 459 respondents said they had been injured.

Schoolteachers surveyed by the National Association of Schoolmasters/Union of Women Teachers showed that in only six months almost one in four had been threatened with pupil violence, nearly one in 10 had suffered an attempted attack by a pupil, and in the same period more than one in 25 teachers had suffered actual physical violence.

Of those victims, almost half had suffered attacks which included the use of some form of weapon by the pupil.

The report, published last year, cites one secondary schoolteacher at a boys school as saying: "During the past 14 years I have been assaulted

seven times, once with a knife, once with a stiletto, once with an air rifle (when I was shot in the chest), once when a pupil fed gas into my classroom when I was teaching, twice when pupils have attempted to attack me with their fists and once when an ex-pupil tried to run me over with a car".

Overall, the Labour Research Department's survey of 210 workplaces in its monthly *Bargaining Report* shows that staff in 67 per cent of them felt that the level of violence and abuse had increased over the past five years.

All told, staff in 62 per cent of the workplaces surveyed had experienced violence at some time.

Generally, the number of assaults is considered to be greatly under-reported. The TUC says that more than 2,000 people a year are injured from violent attacks while they are at work. Most are public transport employees.

A report last year from a

working group under the chairmanship of the Department of Transport showed that during five years bus operators reported 10,000 incidents, most of them physical assaults, in Britain.

About a third of assaults started with arguments over whether a person was entitled to a child's fare, refusals to pay, disputes about change and misuse of passes. Assaults peak shortly after schools and public houses close.

A report from the Health and Safety Commission shows that one in 10 health workers was the victim of an attack in the previous year. The study, based on a survey of 5,000 health service staff in five health authorities, disclosed that one in 200 staff suffered injuries needing medical treatment after being attacked in the previous 12 months.

Miss Helen Reeves, director of the National Association of Victim Support Schemes, said: "Planning for safety of employees is not one of the priorities in most organizations. Most security is aimed at the building and property."

Tomorrow: Action against violence.



Vladimir Ovchinnikov, winner of this year's Leeds International Piano Contest, making his London debut at the Barbican yesterday. Mr Ovchinnikov, aged 29, has toured in his native Russia and has engagements in the United States (Photograph: Julian Herbert).

Action on spy book resumes in court

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Government returns to the High Court today in a final effort to secure a permanent ban on press reporting of *Spycatcher*, the memoirs of Mr Peter Wright, the former MI5 officer.

His lawyers, now headed by Mr Robert Alexander, QC, will first ask Mr Justice Scott to impose restrictions on the reporting of the trial, similar to those affecting the British media during the *Spycatcher* hearings in Australia. The Press was then allowed only to report the judgement itself.

The newspapers involved in the case, *The Guardian*, *Observer* and *The Sunday Times*, will oppose the restriction strenuously. The action is being brought by the Attorney General and its implications will affect the entire media.

The Government is seeking to have a present temporary ban, which prevents the media from discussing or serializing *Spycatcher*, made permanent, although the book is a world-wide best seller.

The Government also wants an account of the newspapers' profits in respect of any publication of *Spycatcher* material, damages and a declaration as to what the law is.

Motorway repairs

£1bn proposal to upgrade the A1

By Rodney Cowton, Transport Correspondent

A £1 billion plan for upgrading the A1 Great North Road to full motorway standard has been put forward as part of a scheme for improving road links between London and the North.

The Department of Transport has forecast that even after allowing for diversion of traffic to the M40, which is being extended north of Oxford, the M1 will in a few years be carrying 140,000 vehicles a day, which is far above its theoretical capacity.

The British Road Federation argues that the time has come to stop thinking of the M1 as the main artery to the North, and to move to a three-pronged strategy.

Under this scheme the A1 would be upgraded to full motorway standard to serve Newcastle upon Tyne and the North-east, the M1 would become the main artery to Yorkshire and the M40 and M6 would serve the West Midlands and the North-west.

Roadworks until next Monday:

London and South-east

M1 London: lane closures near jn 4 (Edgware).

M11 Essex: contraflow between jns 6 and 7 (M25/Hatfield); between jns 8 and 10 (Stansted airport/Duxford).

M275 Hampshire: flyover construction between M27 and Rudmore roundabout.

M3 Hampshire: contraflow and slip road restrictions between jns 8 and 7 (Winchester/Basingstoke).

M40 Oxfordshire: contraflow between jns 6 and 7 (Watlington/Thame).

M40 Buckinghamshire: resurfacing eastbound between jns 4 and 2 (High Wycombe/Baconfield). Lane closures daily.

M2 Kent: contraflow at jn 4 (Gillingham) and lane closures in both directions near jn 6 (Faversham).

M20 Kent: contraflow between jns 1 and 2 (M25/Wrotham).

Midlands

M1 Leicestershire: contraflow between jns 24 and 25 (A6/Nottingham).

M5 Hereford, Worcester: contraflow between jns 5 and 6 (Bromsgrove/Worcester N). Northbound entry slip at jn 6 closed; lane restrictions and overnight closures between jns 5

North

M62/M6 Cheshire: lane closures and contraflows on both motorways at intersection.

M62 Lancashire/Yorkshire border: construction work between jns 21 and 22 (A640/A672); slip road restrictions.

M62/M18 Humberside: contraflow between jns 34 and 36 (A19/Goole).

M63 Greater Manchester: restrictions for widening of Barton bridge; construction of M63 flyover at Portwood roundabout, Stockport. Roadwidth reduced to two lanes.

M56 Greater Manchester: contraflow between jns 4 and 6 (Manchester/Hale), allow extra time for journeys to Manchester airport.

M1 West Yorkshire: contraflow between jns 39 and 40 (Wakefield/Dewsbury); slip road closures at jn 40.

Wales and West

M4 Gwent: off-peak, lane closed eastbound between jns 28 and 27 (Newport/High Cross); two lanes closed at night.

M4 Glamorgan: lane closures in both directions between jns 34 and 37 (Rhonda/Pyle); inside lane closed in both directions at jn 43 (A465); inside lane closed eastbound at jn 45 (Swansea).

M5 Gloucestershire: contraflow between jns 11 and 12 (Cheltenham/Gloucester).

M5 Avon: contraflow at jn 14 (Thornbury) resurfacing.

M5 Somerset: contraflow between jns 23 and 25 (Bridgwater/Taunton); lane closures northbound between jns 26 and 25 (Welling-ton/Taunton).

Scotland

M8 Lothian: contraflow between jns 3 and 4 (Livingston/Bathgate).

M8 Strathclyde: outside lane closures between jns 27 and 29 (Renfrew/A740).

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Tube travellers may get platform TV show

By Richard Evans, Media Editor

London's main Tube stations could soon have large television screens providing commuters with films, cartoons, news and the latest sport results.

A six-week pilot scheme starting at Leicester Square Underground today will feature six screens, each measuring almost three feet square, suspended above the platform which will show programmes from 6am to midnight.

Travellers spend three minutes on average waiting for a train, and advertising chiefs

will measure the success of the specialized cable television system before deciding whether to extend it.

Passengers will initially see a programme covering leisure events in London, sponsored films, cartoons and cinema trailers, with news, travel news and sports results to follow. The programmes will include regular advertising.

If the trial succeeds, 16 central London stations will offer the service to more than 80 per cent of the total possible Underground audience.

Rescue services pledge

Lodge, near Aviemore, at the weekend.

Mr Forsyth agreed that there was anxiety that the services, provided by the Royal Navy and RAF, might be privatized and could lead to a diminished operation.

He emphasized that the proposals, put by Bristow Helicopters several months ago, would involve a contract with the Government.

Greetings from Chamonix

Encountered Tchaikovsky at Hotel banquet. Over the cigars and Benedictines, I remarked upon spectacular local wildlife, and suggested village pond be named "Swan Lake". The Russian suddenly grabbed his glass and fled, muttering something about an idea for a ballet.

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Police advertise for Palme clues

Stockholm — Police in Sweden, who have failed with conventional methods to find the person who assassinated the Prime Minister, Mr Olof Palme, in 1986 are now advertising for clues (Christopher Mosey writes). An advertisement in English, French and Spanish for information that could lead to an arrest, and highlighting a \$4.6 million reward, has been placed in the *International Herald Tribune* by the National Police Board in Stockholm. Swedish Embassies will today be sent copies of the advert, with instructions to translate it and place it in local newspapers. Mr Ingvar Ersson, spokesman for the investigation, said yesterday: "We haven't had a great deal of response though we are still hopeful — it's early days."

Garrison Tamils deadlock snubbed

Talks between Britain and Hong Kong over sharing the cost of the British garrison have broken up in sharp disagreement (Andrew McEwen writes). A five-man team led by Mr Piers Jacobs flew home after the failure of three days of talks with Ministry of Defence officials. Informed sources said Mr Jacobs demanded that Hong Kong's share of the £186 million cost be cut from 75 per cent to 50 per cent, and he warned it would be impossible to persuade the Hong Kong public to continue the present arrangement. Delhi (Reuters) — The Indian Government said yesterday that new conditions set by Tamil guerrillas in Sri Lanka for the rebels to lay down arms were "unacceptable". But a Foreign Office spokesman would not say if a unilateral 48-hour ceasefire in Sri Lanka's Jaffna peninsula, which expires this morning, would be extended or an offensive resumed by India's peacekeeping force. He said the Tamil demand for withdrawal of the force to pre-October positions would leave Tamil Tigers free to kill fellow-militants as well as Muslims and Sinhalese.

US rejects Iran attack

Washington — The Pentagon yesterday dismissed reports on Tehran Radio quoting the head of the Iranian Navy who said his forces had fired on US helicopters in the Gulf which appeared to have been Greek-flagged ships being detained and inspected. The Pentagon said it had found nothing to substantiate such claims (Michael Binyon writes). Shipping sources in the Gulf said the *Jimnita*, the Greek-flagged vessel, was on its way to Kuwait when Iranians opened fire and forced it to stop to allow a boarding party to search for Iraqi-bound goods. Another Greek ship, the *Andromeda*, was sailing to Saudi Arabia to load petroleum products when it was attacked with rocket-propelled grenades in the southern Gulf yesterday.

Welder at helm Prison suicide

Madrid — Señor Antonio Gutiérrez, aged 36, a former welder from Alicante, has been elected Secretary-General of Spain's second trade union force, the Communist-run Workers' Commissions, succeeding Señor Marcelino Camacho (Richard Wigg writes). Señor Camacho's departure marks the end of an era. He had become an almost legendary figure for his courage fighting for workers' rights during Franco's rule. Athens — James Eric Gottfried, a convicted rapist aged 49, who was in custody pending trial for the murder of an American tourist on the holiday island of Mykonos last summer, was found dead in his cell in Korydallos prison near Piraeus yesterday (Mario Modiano writes). Police said that Gottfried, an Irishman who lived with his wife and children in Ewell, Surrey, used a sheet to hang himself.

High tea for Princess

Pagan, Burma (AP) — The Princess Royal toured centuries-old Buddhist temples in this ancient Burmese capital yesterday and was served tea at the top of a 200 ft pagoda. The Social Welfare Minister, Mr Paw Khan Thang, and the Deputy Foreign Minister, Mr Saw Hlaing, joined her for tea at Thabyinyu Pagoda. The Princess, president of The Save The Children Fund, arrived here yesterday evening from Mandalay. Her South-East Asian tour, scheduled to end tomorrow, has been cut short by a day, Burma's official news agency reported. No reason was given.

Bangladesh opposition spurns Ershad offer

From Ahmed Fazi, Dhaka

Three people were killed and more than 250 injured in a fresh outbreak of political violence in Bangladesh at the weekend as opposition parties spurned a new offer for talks by the Government to end 13 days of civilian unrest. Opposition sources said yesterday that Sheikh Hasina Wazed, chief of an eight-party alliance, and Begum Khalida Zia, leader of a seven-party group, refused to meet senior government ministers when they called on them at their homes to open a dialogue. The two leaders, who spearheaded the anti-government campaign, have been under house arrest since November 11. President Ershad, facing stiff opposition to his six-year-old rule, has announced that he is ready to hold an early election if the political parties call off their campaign for his resignation. Dr Kamal Hussain, a spokesman for the Awami League which dominates the eight-party alliance, said that his group would not accept an election until the 57-year-old former Army chief stepped down. An estimated 21 people have died in the political violence — the worst in the country's history — since opposition groups launched a campaign for the dismissal of the Government and fresh polls under a neutral administration.

Women brave Cyprus minefields



Greek Cypriot women scuffling with UN soldiers trying to keep them out of the Turkish-controlled north of the island.

Nicosia (Reuters, AP) — Hundreds of Greek Cypriot women, protesting against the division of their island, braved unmarked minefields to cross a UN-controlled buffer zone yesterday and reach the Turkish Cypriot north for the first time in 13 years.

About 350 penetrated more than 50 yards into the north, where they talked to Turkish Cypriot journalists. United Nations peacekeeping troops surrounded the women, and they were blocked from further advance by lines of Turkish soldiers and Turkish Cypriot police.

Five women broke through the UN cordon further into northern territory before they were hauled away by UN troops. The demonstrators later dispersed peacefully. Hundreds of other women, with banners saying that they came in peace, stood or sat in the buffer strip.

It was the first time demonstrators had crossed the strip since it was set up as a buffer zone after the 1974 Turkish invasion of the northern third of the island. The invasion came after a short-lived coup in Nicosia backed by the military junta which then ruled Greece.

Ms Helen Soteriou, an organizer of the Women Walk Home peace movement, said that the demonstrators had achieved their aim.

"We wanted to try and pass here. We wanted to do what we have done to show the world the Turkish Army is

preventing Cypriots moving freely in their own country — they are partitioning this country," she said.

A handful of foreign women who took part in the protest included the Bristol South Labour MP, Ms Dawn Primarolo, who said: "The whole international community should sit up and take note of

this tragic situation in Cyprus, where tens of thousands of people are prevented by a foreign army from returning to their homes."

The women, in a 26-bus convoy, had played cat-and-mouse with the 2,300-strong UN force to reach an unguarded section of the buffer strip, which varies in width

from four miles to only three yards along its 138 miles. The UN spokesman, Major Alex Twickel, said: "Everybody behaved themselves, everybody showed restraint and I'm very glad that no one was hurt."

"Towards the end we were very worried because we were told by the Turkish side they wanted us out by a certain

time and it might have come to some force."

Women Walk Home, with many members from among the 200,000 Greek Cypriot refugees who fled from the north in 1974, had tried to force the line in June. Their attempt then ended in scuffles as UN soldiers warned them away from the minefields.

Father of Melodie's friend held for kidnap

By Our Foreign Staff

One of the people being held in connection with the kidnapping of Melodie Nakachian, aged six, in Spain is the father of one of her school friends.

Mr Robert Santool, whose daughter, Melanie, was a friend and class-mate of Melodie at the Aloha School in Marbella last year, was arrested in Paris on Friday.

As the search continued for two people who escaped after police stormed a holiday flat near Estepona to free Melodie, new links to the kidnap gang were revealed.

On Saturday police found two flats in Madrid which were used by the kidnapers, and yesterday they were searching the Costa del Sol for a yacht which they believe was to have been used by the gang.

It was also revealed that Señor Angel Garcia Menéndez, who was arrested when police freed Melodie, had been jailed for 10 years in France for murder.

Sources in Malaga said yesterday that police there were disappointed that their French colleagues had announced so quickly the capture of the suspects. Spanish detectives felt that their investigation might have been made easier if the French police had temporarily not revealed the Paris arrests.

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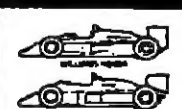
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Egyptians on bomb charges are linked to wider Libya plot

Charges of sabotage and anti-government plotting laid against 15 Egyptians by the Cairo Attorney-General yesterday are thought to represent only a small part of the authorities' efforts to break up a conspiracy causing deep embarrassment to President Mubarak and his advisers.

Although the 15 men have been formally charged with planning explosions and "revolutionary activity", their organization is rumoured to involve the families of senior Army officers and even to embrace a member of the Nasser family.

Although Mr Ragaa al-Arabi, the Attorney-General, did not say as much yesterday, the 15 are all believed to be members of "Egypt's Revolution", an underground group professing a pan-Arab Nasserite ideology. The group claims that Mr Mubarak's Government has turned its back on the Arab socialism espoused by Nasser and has allowed US and Israeli intelligence agents to operate in the country.

The Egyptian authorities claim that the organization is controlled by Libya and that the 15 charged yesterday were working on behalf of Tripoli. "Egypt's Revolution" claimed responsibility for shooting attacks on US and Israeli diplomats in Cairo, although yesterday's charges referred only to the anti-American and

From Robert Fisk, Cairo
anti-Israeli attitude of the prisoners.

They were accused specifically of planting a bomb outside an Egyptian-American bank and of leaving devices — which did not explode — outside the British Airways office in Cairo, an unnamed American airline office in the city, the premises of Thomas Cook's travel agency, and on a

Colonel Gaddafi yesterday denounced Arab nations for renewing relations with Egypt after the Arab League summit in Amman (AP reports). During a speech at the opening of the General People's Congress the Libyan leader also called for "pressure" on Iran to end its war with Iraq.

Nine states have renewed links with Egypt, Colonel Gaddafi, who boycotted the summit and called it a "conspiracy", said it was a disgrace for Libya to have ties with countries which had restored relations with Cairo.

bus travelling from Cairo to Tel Aviv.

The Government had released news of the impending charges on Saturday, but the security authorities have gone to some lengths to prevent independent investigation of the various plots against Mr Mubarak.

According to Mr al-Arabi yesterday, the 15 men, seven of whom were described as

"professional" people, underwent military training in Libya and Lebanon. Their ages range from 25 to 75.

An unidentified police witness appearing for the prosecution said that the group used "Nasserite ideology on Arab unity and socialism" as a basis for "revolutionary struggle" against the Government.

The Prosecutor-General, Mr Muhammad al-Gundi, has forbidden newspapers from investigating "Egypt's Revolution" and one issue of the left-wing newspaper, *al-Ahali*, which attempted to make inquiries about the group was confiscated. Mr Hussein Abdul Razeq, its editor, was questioned by the security police for carrying out an investigation.

There do appear to be connections with the Libyan intelligence service. Libya has never made any secret of its desire to ally itself with followers of Nasser, the late Egyptian leader who is now perhaps lauded more in Tripoli than in Cairo.

Rumours here say that one member of Nasser's own family had involved himself in "Egypt's Revolution", and had been advised by the authorities to travel abroad to avoid arrest and the Government's subsequent embarrassment. He is now said to be out of the country, with no plans to return.

Martyrs inspire unity plea by Pope

Rome (Reuters) — The Pope yesterday beatified 85 Catholics who were martyred in England during the 16th and 17th centuries for rejecting Protestantism and urged greater work for Christian unity.

Thousands of Catholics from England, Scotland and Wales, led by Cardinal Basil Hume, the Archbishop of Westminster, gathered in St Peter's Basilica for Mass.

Some 600 Catholics, known as the "English Martyrs", were killed — many by being hanged, drawn and quartered — for rejecting Protestantism between 1534, when Henry VIII broke with Rome, and 1681. The Pope beatified Father George Haydock, 62 other priests and 22 lay Catholics executed in England between 1584 and 1679. All were English except three Welshmen, a Scot and an Irishman.

Beatification is the second of three stages towards the declaration of sainthood. It confers the title "Blessed" and makes the recipient particularly venerated in the Church.

Under Elizabethan penal laws, it was high treason, punishable by death, for a Catholic priest ordained outside England to return there. The same laws made it a felony punishable by hanging to associate with or assist such priests.

Cardinal Hume said in his formal beatification request to the Pope during the ceremony: "They were fated to live in unhappy days, in times of harsh religious intolerance and unjust laws."

The Pope said in his homily: "We must rejoice that the hostilities between Christians, which so shaped the age of these martyrs, are over, replaced by fraternal love and mutual esteem."



Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster, standing before the Pope in St Peter's Basilica yesterday to make his formal request for the beatification of the 85 "English Martyrs".

Dissident editor is arrested in Moscow

Moscow — Police yesterday detained Mr Sergei Origorants, editor of the unofficial review *Glasnost*, as he was on his way to an illegal demonstration organized by members of the Jewish community to protest against reported anti-Semitism in the Soviet media. (A Correspondent writes).

Moscow city authorities had rejected a request for the demonstration to be held outside the Foreign Ministry's press centre.

£1m damages

Baltimore, Maryland (AP) — A woman pushed to the ground and handcuffed by a supermarket security guard who suspected her of shoplifting won nearly £1 million in damages after a jury was told a receipt for a 90p bottle of soda was found in her purse.

Students freed

Nairobi (AP) — Police have released 42 students arrested during a riot at the University of Nairobi in which one student was shot in the arm.

Still running

Asunción, Paraguay (AP) — President Stroessner of Paraguay has accepted his party's unanimous nomination to run for an eighth term.

Killer blast

Quetta, Pakistan (Reuters) — Two people were killed and 16 injured when a bomb went off in a railway station near the Afghanistan border.

Birth pangs of the Ecu

Common coin gets cold shoulder in the market place

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

"This is the future," said the man at the next table in the Brussels restaurant, flourishing my silver Ecu coin. And, he might have added, nobody wants it.

I had just tried — unsuccessfully — to pay the restaurateur with a fistful of five-Ecu (European Currency Unit) pieces, which have the words Ecu 1987 on one side and a portrait of the 16th-century emperor, Charles V, on the other.

My neighbour, it turned out, was a tax lawyer, who —

● You would need a money bag to carry these around ●

unlike many people — knew the exchange rate of the Ecu against the Belgian franc from studying the lists in the Belgian daily *Le Soir*.

The Ecu, so far mainly a unit of account used in European Economic Community calculations rather than an actual currency, is based on a basket of European national currencies. Currently an Ecu is worth about 45 Belgian francs, or 70p, making the silver Ecu coin, which is technically legal tender in Belgium, worth about £3.50.

None the less, the restaurateur said "I would prefer American Express", and turned over the heavy Ecu coin doubtfully in his hand. "You would need a money bag to carry these around."

The European Parliament this week urged all EEC governments to follow Belgium's example and issue Ecu coins. A report said prices in shops, hotels and restaurants should be posted both in national currencies and the Ecu equivalent, as a first step towards a common currency.

There are already Ecu traveller's cheques, issued by Thomas Cook. It is possible to deal in Ecus when doing business in Europe; a clearing house was set up in October last year by a consortium of seven banks, including Lloyds and Crédit Lyonnais. But very few firms do so, and the Parliament wants companies trading within the EEC to start invoicing in Ecus (less than 1 per cent of transactions are so invoiced at present). The lack of a European central bank remains an obstacle.

The main drawback to the Belgian Ecu is that the over-the-counter price at a Belgian bank such as BBL (Banque Bruxelles-Lambert) is several times the nominal value. This makes the gold and silver Ecus, collector's coins at £8 for

a silver coin, worth less than half of that. One pays a daunting £150 for a gold 50-Ecu coin with a face value of about £35.

An informal survey by *The Times* this week suggests that few Brussels are familiar with the Ecu nine months after the first coin was struck for the EEC's 30th anniversary. "I'll have to ask," the girl at our local post office said when presented with five Ecus for a couple of stamps (13 francs each). A long discussion ensued, ending with the announcement that Ecus were indeed legal tender, "but sorry, we do not know the exchange rate".

Making the Ecu a European currency is not one of the goals of the 1992 programme for abolishing frontiers. But 1992 will give monetary union a sizeable push. The European Parliament's economic and monetary affairs committee noted this week that the growth of "plastic money", in the form of magnetic credit cards and electronic payments systems, provided greater scope for the Ecu, especially in the single market of 1992.

The Ecu, the report said, should be used to pay workers in EEC border areas, with a Dutchman working in Germany, for example, holding a bank account in Ecus and converting them to guilders and marks as required.

But there was little enthusiasm for the idea of a European lottery with the prizes denominated in Ecus, and even less for the proposed minting of Ecus to pay for coffee and newspapers at EEC institutions in Brussels and Strasbourg.

As Dr Barry Seal, Labour Euro-MP for West Yorkshire,

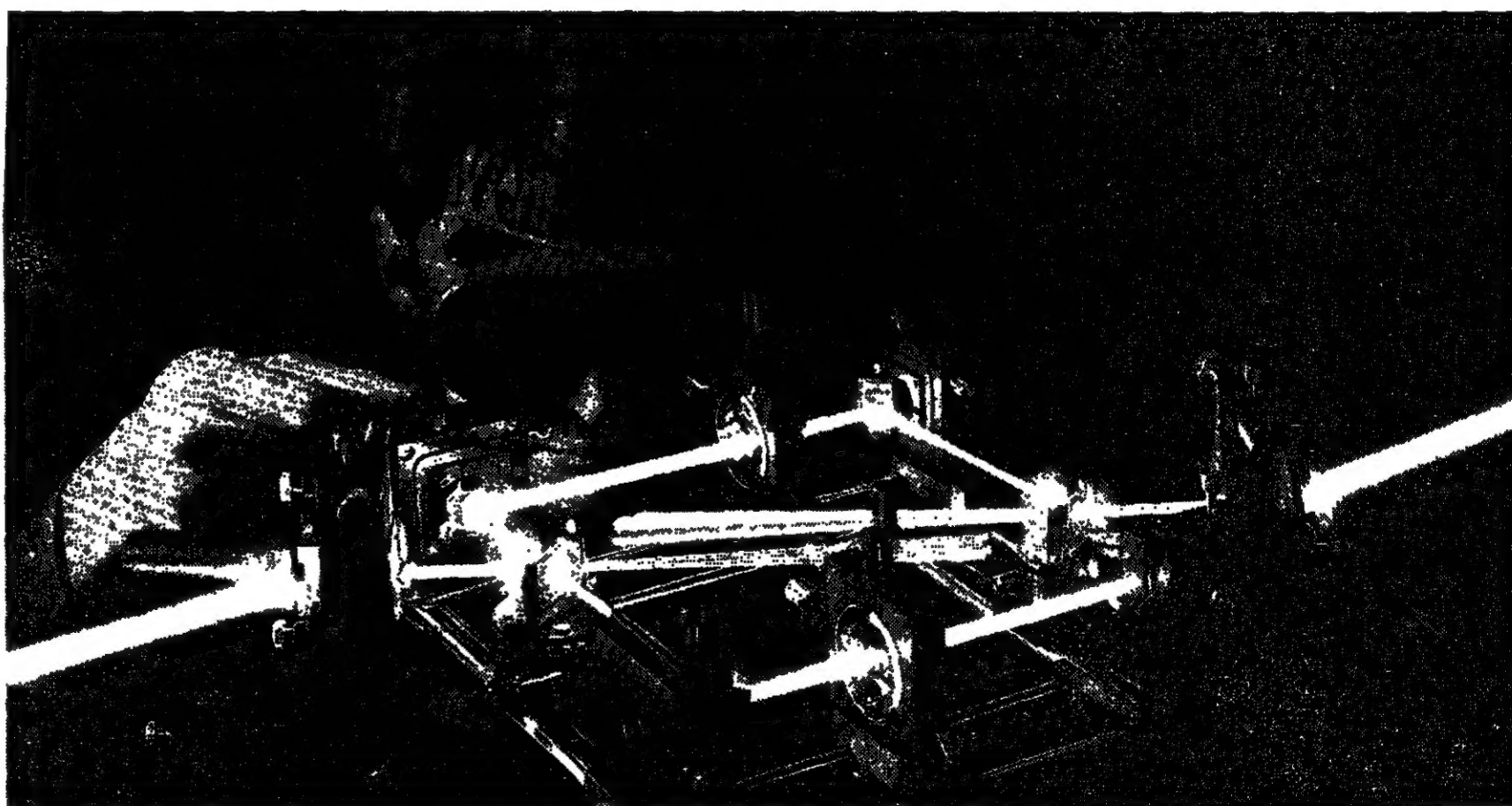
● The lack of a European central bank is an obstacle ●

said: "People would think the European Parliament is sixpence short of a shilling."

Other Euro-MPs said a common currency could only come about once the EEC had achieved full political and economic union.

The attraction of the Ecu, on the other hand, is that it could provide monetary stability and help to shield Europe from some of the worst effects of currency fluctuations, not least at a time of pressure on the dollar. Financial experts say, however, that little progress can be made on the Ecu question until sterling joins the European Monetary System.

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The reverse and the front of the five-Ecu piece minted by the Belgian Government. The portrait on the controversial coin is that of the 16th-century Habsburg Emperor Charles V, whose rule extended over several West European peoples.

Islam flexes muscles after long slumber in Turkey

From Michael Dynes, Konya, Anatolia

It is not the done thing to walk down a street in this central Anatolian town with a copy of *Playboy* — even if it is the Turkish edition, sold at kiosks in most of the leading cities on condition it is wrapped in a plastic bag.

Such activities, together with Western dress, birth control, interest rates and failure to honour traditional religious ceremonies, are treated here with disgust — if not outright hostility. This is Konya, the heartland of Islam in Turkey.

After decades of being dormant here, Islam, the religion of 99 per cent of the population, is on the march. Parents used to complain about their children going to discos; now they grumble about their teenage daughter wearing an Islamic headscarf or about a son who keeps retiring early to study the Koran.

For the most part it is a moderate movement which shuns Ayatollah Khomeini's revolutionary theology in favour of a revival of the kind of conservative Islam practised in the Gulf states.

The Turkish province of Anatolia accounts for about 40 per cent of Mr Turgut Ozal's support, and about 100 MPs from the area belong to the Prime Minister's Motherland Party. Mr Ozal, pandering to regional sensibilities, defends the right of students

to wear Islamic dress against President Evren's attempts to stop the practice. He also presided over the opening of the Kocatepe mosque in Ankara.

But the Islamic movement has a sting in the tail. A small but growing minority of Turks, not content merely with being able to live a Muslim way of life, aspire to the creation of an Islamic state in Turkey. The Welfare Party, led by Mr Necmettin Erbakan, aspires to achieve this. When

Mr Turgut Ozal, Turkey's Prime Minister, has rejected newspaper claims that his Motherland Party has been involved in telephone tapping (Michael Dynes writes). But he has been forced to order Justice and Communications Ministry officials to investigate the reports, which say telephones of the Social Democratic Populist Party have been tapped. Mr Ozal said he is taking the allegations seriously.

leader of the National Salvation Party, which had 10 per cent of votes and held the balance of power in Parliament, Mr Erbakan made coalitions come and go at his bidding. The party's logo was a key, symbolizing the key to paradise and power.

Since the military coup in

1980, and the passage of the 1982 Constitution prohibiting the formation of Islamic or Communist parties, Mr Erbakan has been forced to tread the straight and narrow.

It is still illegal to create an Islamic party or call for the establishment of an Islamic state in Turkey. Mr Erbakan would never be so reckless as to do either openly. But his party is Islamic in everything but name, and his sights are firmly set on the creation of an Islamic state.

At a weekend election rally in Konya before a three-day tour of the province by Mr Erbakan, the party faithful gathered in the main square to hear Welfare Party activists.

As the all-male audience listened to the impassioned speeches, young Muslim boys clambered onto the rooftops of dilapidated shops to get a better view. The women huddled in nearby side-streets.

Opinion in Turkey is sharply divided over the significance of Mr Erbakan's fundamentalists. According to one government official, there is little chance of them getting the 10 per cent of the popular vote needed to secure representation in Parliament in the forthcoming national elections.

"This is a secular Muslim state. In this country we speak

Turkish, not Arabic, the language of the Koran," he said. "During prayers most Muslims can recite the words because they have memorized them. They have no idea what the words mean. It's the biggest joke in Turkey. We could never become a genuine Muslim state."

Such confidence is not shared by the sizeable Westernized, liberal, intellectual elite. Although most dismiss Mr Erbakan as a marginal political force, there is no doubt that he puts the fear of Allah into their secular Muslim hearts.

Most blame the erosion of Turkey's secularist ideology on Mr Ozal's encouragement of mainstream Islam.

"He is openly exploiting the religious card for political advantage. He is playing with fire and he is going to get burnt," said one intellectual.

Mr Erbakan is a sworn enemy of EEC membership. As he tours the province, he will warn that the Christian members will form a united front against Turkey's interests. He is confident this message will propel him over the 10 per cent barrier, and if the EEC decides to close its doors to Turkey, his opportunity to bring his country out of Western Europe's orbit and into the Muslim fold may have arrived.

Engaging work down under



A telephone technician in Sydney yesterday repairing an underground telecommunications cable, containing 8,400 wires, which was cut by a saboteur with an axe on Friday in one of nine attacks on cables in the city. Services to thousands of customers in the central business district were disrupted (Reuter reports). A statement for the state-owned Telecom com-

pany said the saboteur, who appeared to have detailed knowledge of the system, caused millions of dollars worth of damage. Cables carrying up to 35,000 circuits were severed, leaving businesses without telephone lines and communications are fully restored, Telecom said, although most links will be back today.

Riots force delay in Romanian congress

By Richard Bassett

Romania's annual Communist Party congress has been postponed until December 14 after last week's disturbances in the town of Brasov in Transylvania, it was announced at the weekend.

Although the official communiqué did not link the new date for the congress with last week's riots, sources in Bucharest speculated that the seriousness of the events had taken officials by surprise.

Before the congress could be organized, security officials would have to take stock of what is a potentially highly explosive situation in the country. Last week proved that discontent in the provinces, where conditions are even worse than in the beleaguered capital, could erupt at any moment as the winter sets in and shortages of basic foodstuffs persist.

Unconfirmed reports yesterday from Transylvania said that the riots had involved far greater numbers than had been originally estimated. Instead of hundreds, several thousands, it was claimed, were said to have been involved in a protest march.

● "Police killed": The West German newspaper *Bild* reported yesterday that two Romanian policemen were killed in last week's rioting.

Dilemma for Duarte

Leftists return to test peace accord

From Our Correspondent, San José

The ability of President Duarte of El Salvador to control extreme right-wing elements in his armed forces is being put to the test by the return from exile of leaders of the country's guerrilla political wing.

Señor Rubén Zamora, vice-president of the Democratic Revolutionary Front, flew into San Salvador on Saturday amid cheers from supporters and threats from right-wing political parties.

The Front's president, Señor Guillermo Ungo, is due to arrive today. Both men are accompanied by international delegations intended to protect them from right-wing death squads.

Señora María Julia Castillo, of the extreme-right Authentic Institutional Party, called on security forces to arrest Señor Ungo and Señor Zamora. The rebel leaders "should not be allowed to set foot on our soil", Señora Castillo told a news conference. "The return of these elements constitutes a slap in the face to the nation, which all democratic and nationalist sectors must oppose." Señor Ungo and Señor Zamora intend to stay in San Salvador for about a week to see if permanent return from exile is possible.

The return of the rebel leaders is made possible by the Central American peace plan, which requires governments to provide full freedom to rebel forces who opt to engage in peaceful political activities.

President Duarte's ability to implement the peace plan in the face of opposition from right-wing political parties and elements in the armed forces is in question. Left-wing opponents charge that Salvadorean democracy is a sham because President Duarte cannot control his armed forces, which have

been tied to death-squad activity.

Any harm which might come to Señor Ungo and Señor Zamora would be a severe blow to President Duarte and the peace plan. The President is caught in the dilemma of having to protect his most articulate and popular political opponents.

Costa Rican officials said the return of the two exiles and the release yesterday of nearly 1,000 political prisoners in Nicaragua constitute important advances for the peace plan.

The Costa Ricans, who are trying to cast themselves in



Señor Zamora: Threatened by right-wing parties.

the role of neutral arbiters in the conflicts of Central America, are embarrassed by the continuing trickle of Nicaraguan refugees across the border. The latest incident occurred on Saturday night, when two Sandinista Air Force officers flew a 16-seat, Soviet-manufactured biplane into Costa Rica and asked for political asylum.

● WASHINGTON: The Nicaraguan Contras intend to present counter-proposals this week to the Sandinistas' ceasefire plan. They will raise fundamental objections to most of its main elements (Christopher Thomas writes).

Hawke and Lange open more doors to trade

From Richard Long, Wellington

The Australian and New Zealand leaders capped a weekend of talks with an agreement yesterday to expand the free trade area between the countries to a single market.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Australian Prime Minister, said he and Mr David Lange, the New Zealand Prime Minister, had agreed to open a new chapter in their historic closer economic relationship agreement.

The new steps involved: ● Bringing forward a full free trade in goods across the Tasman Sea to the early 1990s, instead of 1995 as earlier planned.

● Widening the closer economic relations agreement to cover the important and expanding area of services, as well as goods.

● Deepening the agreement to harmonize regulatory policies and trade practices.

The agreement in principle to expand the closer economic relations agreement signed in 1983 to a single market concept came after three days of talks between Mr Hawke and Mr Lange in Wellington and the resort of Kerikeri.

Officials are to prepare details on the extension of the agreement by early next year, to be followed by another meeting of the two leaders, probably next August.

Both leaders said that the

changes would help a more outward-looking Australasian bloc to become more competitive with the rest of the world.

Both Wellington and Canberra are involved in economic restructuring, including ambitious privatization programmes.

Mr Hawke said trans-Tasman trade had increased by 76 per cent since the initial agreement in 1983, beyond the dreams and expectations of the architects of the closer economic relations agreement.

About 16 per cent of Tasman trade is still subject to some form of impediment, and will be affected by the hastened pace of change.

Officials said the move to include services was a major step. It includes transport, communications, broadcasting and insurance, and opens the way for airline and shipping mergers. A possible merger between Air New Zealand and the Australian flag carrier Qantas has been tipped.

The two leaders emphasized that the step to economic union or possible political union was some way off. Mr Lange said New Zealand valued its sovereignty and was not talking about bartering this away. Mr Hawke said: "We are not talking about political union. Some of our successors down the track may be wanting to talk about that. We are not."



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Afghanistan key issue in pre-summit negotiation

The issue of Afghanistan was a key point in the pre-summit negotiations between the United States and the Soviet Union. The talks, which took place in Geneva, focused on the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Afghanistan and the establishment of a peaceful government in the country. The United States has long been concerned about the Soviet presence in Afghanistan, particularly in light of the recent invasion of Cambodia by the Khmer Rouge. The negotiations are seen as a critical step towards resolving the conflict in the region and preventing further escalation.

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From Christopher Walker, Geneva

Afghanistan will emerge as a key issue at talks which start here today to decide the shape of next month's superpower summit, after the Soviet Union said that it was willing to cut the timetable for troop withdrawals from 16 months to a year.

The crucial last-minute negotiations between Mr Edward Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, are designed both to overcome the remaining obstacles to signing a medium-range and shorter-range missile pact, and to broaden the summit's agenda beyond the central area of nuclear arms control.

Both superpowers have a dominant influence on the United Nations-sponsored peace talks between Afghanistan and Pakistan, which after five years of mixed progress are now deadlocked over one unagreed issue — the Soviet timetable for pulling out. UN sources here now predict that a new, and potentially the last, round could open in February.

The new Soviet flexibility is mainly by growing domestic dissatisfaction with the war — was first voiced officially last week by Mr Yevgeny Primakov, a senior foreign policy adviser to Mr Mikhail Gorbachev, who was speaking with the Kremlin's sanction when

Pact nearly ready

Pravda affirmed yesterday that negotiators in Geneva would finish a pact banning intermediate nuclear forces in time for the December 7 superpower summit (Reuter reports from Moscow). "Technical difficulties" would be tackled by Mr Edward Shevardnadze, the Soviet Foreign Minister, and Mr George Shultz, his US counterpart.

he set the new 12-month deadline.

Mr Gennady Gerasimov, the chief Kremlin spokesman, who first gave a hint during a visit to Munich this month that a change of policy might be under consideration, told Western journalists that, although his own prediction of a withdrawal made over seven months to a year had been misreported, Mr Primakov's statement now represented official policy.

The key precondition that Moscow is setting for a 12-month timetable — still longer than the eight months Pakistan is demanding — is that Washington agrees to block aid to the Mujahidin Muslim guerrillas. The two superpowers have also been discussing in private the shape of a new Afghan coalition government which would follow the departure of Moscow's armed forces.

Soviet sources have indicated they are now prepared to stage the withdrawal faster than Dr Muhammad Najib, the Moscow-backed Afghan leader and former chief of the secret police, would like. The question was discussed when he met Mr Gorbachev in Moscow for celebrations to mark the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik Revolution.

Western sources said yesterday that the first convincing hints that Moscow was at last moving closer to pulling out its 115,000 troops came last week at an earlier round of pre-summit negotiations. These were conducted between Mr Yuli Vorontsov, the Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister, and Mr Michael Arma-

cost, the US Under-Secretary of State.

One catalyst for the change of heart is understood to have been Dr Armand Hammer, the American multi-millionaire, who has direct personal access to Mr Gorbachev (as he had to all Soviet leaders except Stalin) and recently embarked on a bizarre shuttle mission designed to secure a compromise.

Soviet sources said that the new willingness to encompass a quicker pull-out from Afghanistan has been signalled by the recent easing of censorship in the Soviet press, which has resulted in the appearance of articles showing the seamy side of the war, and notably widespread Afghan misappropriation of Soviet aid.

Families of Soviet casualties in the war — whose total still remains an official secret — have been more open in their grief and unhappiness with the continuation of the conflict. There have also been reports of discontent among Soviet conscripts, who are sent to serve in extremely hazardous conditions in Afghanistan.

A senior diplomat explained: "The parallels with Vietnam, although by no means complete, are sufficient for Moscow and Washington to be able to talk some sense on the subject. There are even signs of an embryo anti-war movement appearing inside the Soviet Union."

According to diplomats in Geneva and Moscow, other factors which have forced the shift in Soviet policy include the improved morale of the guerrillas, caused by the success of US Stinger missiles against Soviet air power, and disillusion with Dr Najib's failure to curb faction-fighting within the ruling party.

It is widely recognized by Western experts that any hopes which Moscow may have harboured, even three years ago, of imposing a convincing defeat on the Mujahidin have evaporated. In recent months the Muslim rebels have moved their campaign back towards Kabul, the capital, with a vengeance.

In addition to Afghanistan, regional issues to be discussed in Geneva over the next 48 hours before insertion in the summit agenda include: the Middle East, particularly the Iran-Iraq War; Central America; Africa; and concern in Washington over the growing Soviet military posture in the South Pacific.

In addition to the central topic of arms control, the other main summit topic will be human rights, with Moscow seeking to pinpoint what it alleges are US infringements. These include the number of American teenagers now facing the death penalty, the large total of US homeless and treatment of American peace campaigners, noticeably Mr Brian Willson, whose legs were cut off by an armaments train.

The US plans to exert more pressure over the question of Jewish immigration from the Soviet Union, which will be the target for demonstrations during Mr Gorbachev's stay in Washington on December 7 to 10. Pressure is also building up for Dr Andrei Sakharov, and others claimed to have official secrets, to be allowed either to leave the Soviet Union after a declared maximum period or, in the case of the Nobel Prize-winning physicist, to be permitted to accept invitations for short visits abroad.

Fate of UK cruise base in balance

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

The future of Britain's second cruise missile base at Molesworth is to be decided in a joint Anglo-American decision soon after next month's superpower summit.

It is still possible, although unlikely, that the base will be made operational. Though President Reagan and Mr Mikhail Gorbachev are expected to agree to eliminate medium- and shorter-range nuclear missiles at the Washington summit, the original plans could still go ahead.

The question facing both the United States and Britain is whether to treat the signing, rather than the ratification, of the proposed INF (intermediate nuclear forces) treaty as the politically apt moment to stand down the Molesworth missiles.

Unless present plans are changed, the 64 Tomahawk missiles due to be deployed there would probably be made operational between the two stages of the treaty.

No legal obligation to halt deployment will arise until both the US and the Soviet

Union have ratified the treaty. American ratification depends on the mood of Congress, but is likely to take many months.

The treaty is expected to specify a three-year timetable for eliminating medium-range weapons, which include US cruise and Pershing 2 missiles, and Soviet SS20s. A timetable, expected to be run over 18 months, will be set for destruction of Soviet shorter-range missiles.

Assuming ratification by the end of 1988, any missiles made operational at Molesworth would have to be destroyed by the end of 1991. Soviet inspectors will have a right to visit Molesworth and Britain's other cruise site, Greenham Common, for 10 years after ratification.

An issue still to be settled formally is whether Soviet inspectors should have a right of "challenge inspection" to see undeclared suspect sites. Whitehall sources say that Soviet negotiators have virtually accepted that this right should be confined to bases in the US, but it remains to be finalized.

US missile's success could boomerang

Stinger feared in hostile hands

From Michael Binyon, Washington

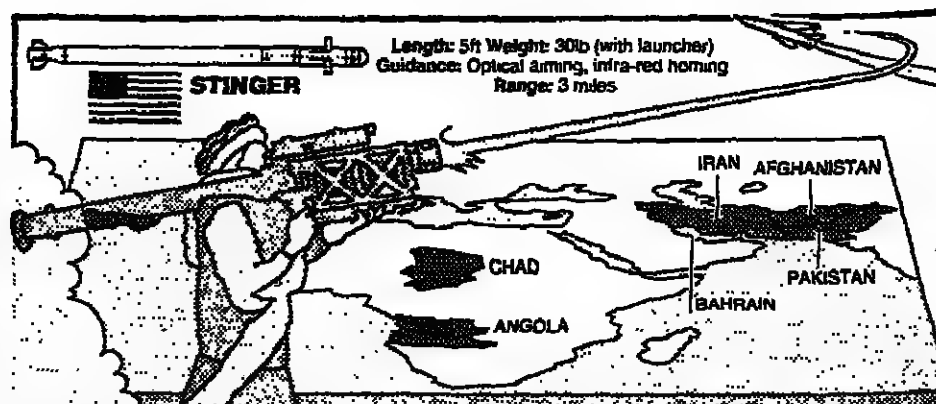
United States congressmen and arms experts are becoming increasingly worried by the spread of the Stinger missile, felt by some to be so potent that it is seen by some guerrilla leaders as a passport to victory.

While it was a useful tool in aiding American-backed forces in conflicts as wide apart as Afghanistan and Central America, its proliferation is leading some Washington politicians to predict that it will not be long before it is turned on US forces.

It was this concern that led last week to a vote by the House of Representatives to ban the sale of the Stinger missile to any country that is not a member of Nato. Specifically, it also banned the planned sale of Stingers to Bahrain and any other future sales to Gulf countries.

Congress was shaken by recent reports that Iran had hijacked a batch of Stingers supplied to Afghan guerrillas. There are also fears that some of the 34 to be supplied to Chad to repel the Libyans, or the undisclosed number now being used by rebels in Angola, may be traded on the black market.

"This Administration seems to hand them out like cigars as diplomatic gifts," said Senator Dennis DeConcini, an Arizona Democrat leading a campaign against the



Stinger missiles, with a high success rate against aircraft, are the favoured weapon of Afghan and Afghan guerrillas. They are also popular with governments — Chad, Iran and Pakistan being some of the countries possessing them, and Bahrain seeking to buy them.

The shoulder-launched anti-aircraft missile first saw active service with the British Army in the Falkland Islands, and since then it has been firmly associated with the winning side (Alexander Johnson writes). With a range of

five miles, it has an 80 per cent strike rate on anything from helicopters to jets.

Experts attribute its success to its manoeuvrability (it weighs only 35 lb) and its sophisticated aiming system compared with other missiles on the international market. The Stinger, made by General Dynamics of California, has its own infra-red heat-seeking system so that the operator only has to fire the missile in the direction of the target and leave it to finish the job.

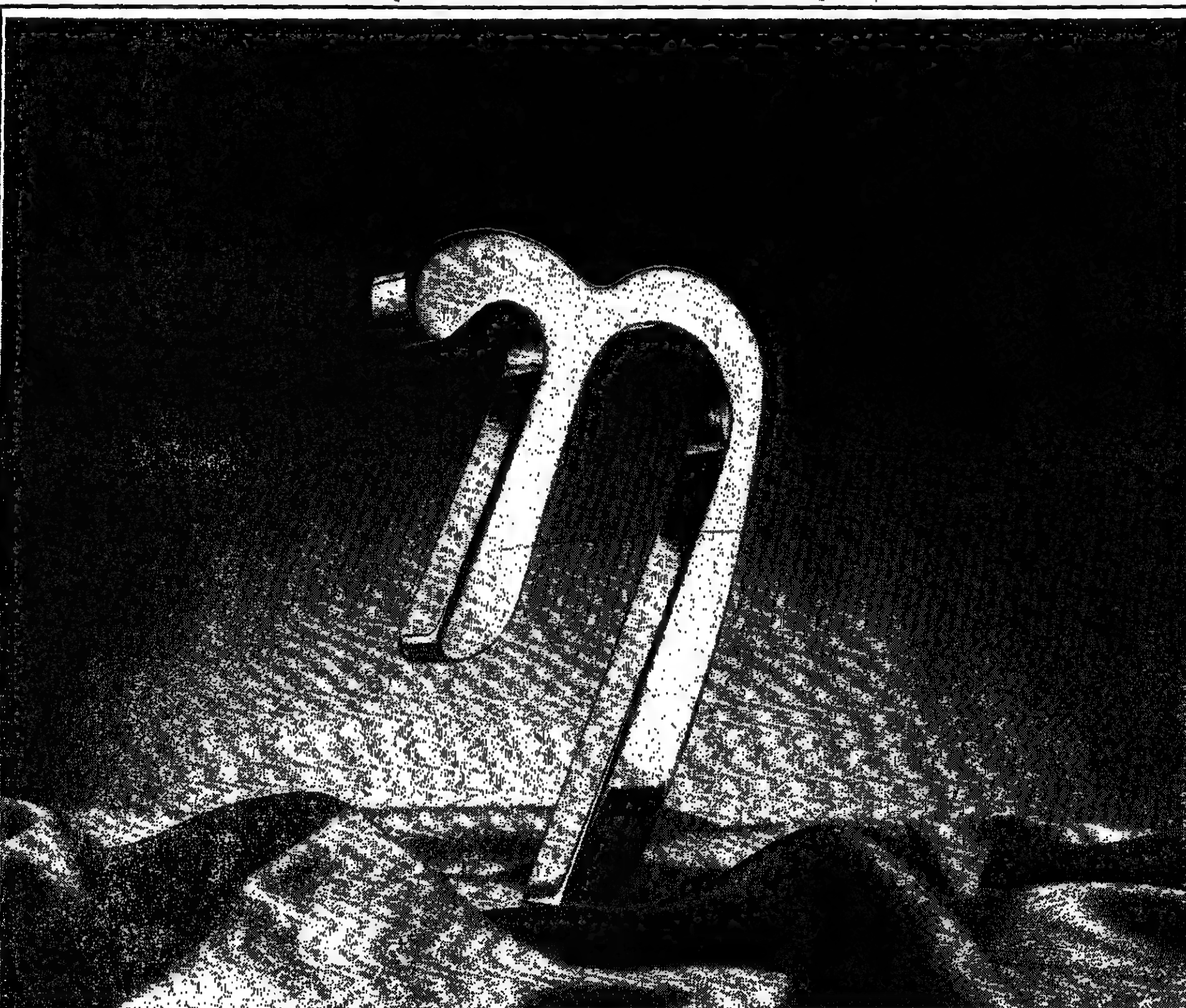
point out that the small Gulf state needs to improve its defences against possible Iranian attack. Unlike the House of Representatives, the Senate is likely to approve the Bahrain sale.

But Mr Les AuCoin, a member of the defence appropriations sub-committee, told *Newsweek*: "The more we sell it to movements in unstable parts of the world, the greater the risk of diversion to terrorists. A lone missile operator on a hilltop could be a civilian pilot's nightmare."

ABU DHABI: An Iranian envoy said yesterday that Tehran had enough Stinger missiles to trigger a scandal in the United States much bigger than Contra-Iran affair (Reuter reports).

Iran's ambassador in the United Arab Emirates, Mr Mustafa al-Haeri, questioned about reports that Iran seized 25 Stingers from Afghan rebels, said: "If these allegations sparked such a big furor, then the world will get a shock when it learns how many such missiles we have."

Afghan refugees protesting in Delhi against the visit by Mr Nikolai Ryzhkov, the Soviet Prime Minister, who is in India to launch a cultural festival. More than 100 were arrested.



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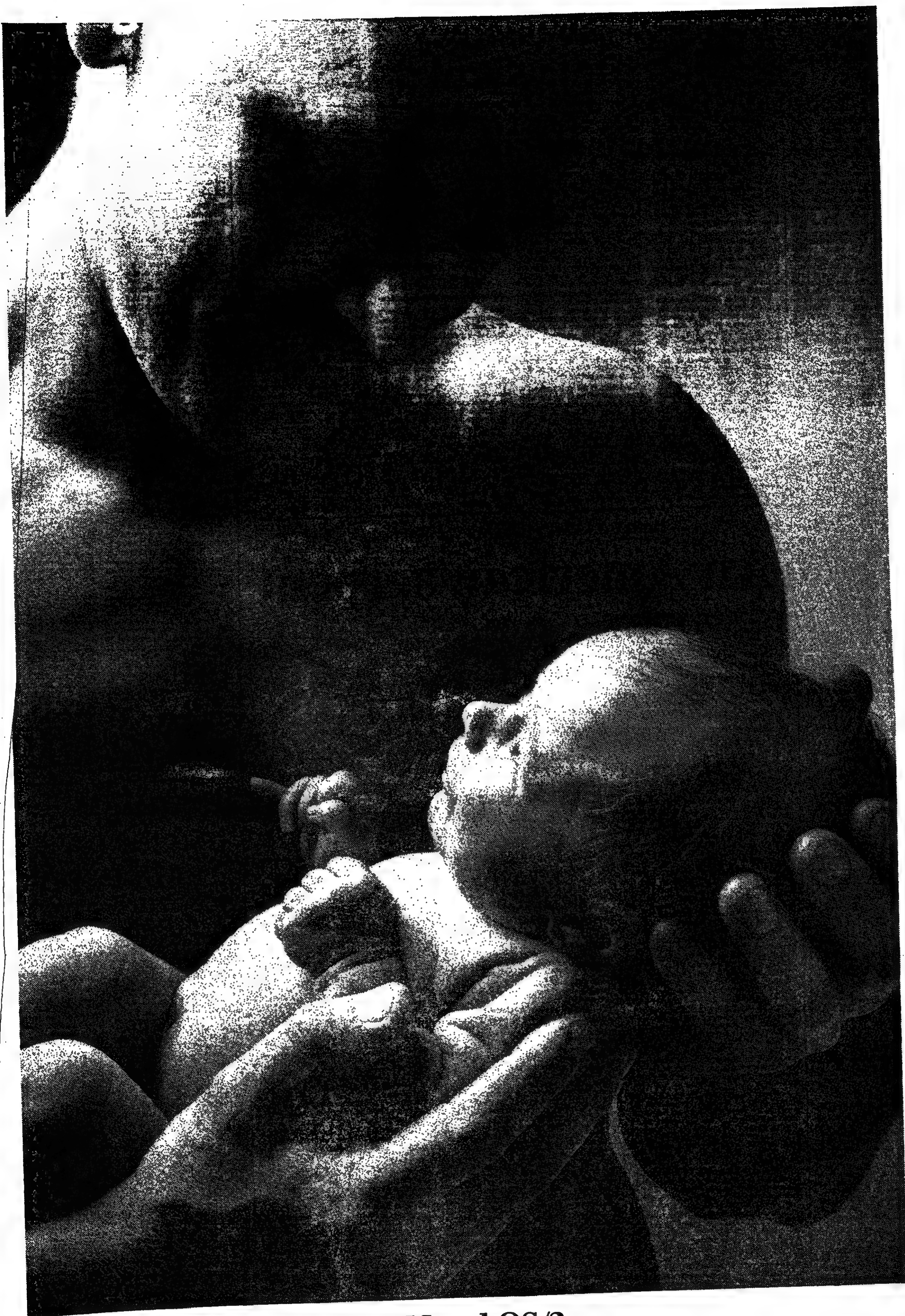
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THE PARTY STRIKES BACK

The Soviet leader has publicly rededicated himself to his twin causes of *glasnost* and *perestroika* and appealed to senior Communist Party officials to show unity. His supporters will be relieved: these two pillars of his reform programme had been weakened and the impression of unchallenged leadership impaired by what must now be known as the Yeltsin affair — the removal and vilification of a man seen as an advanced pioneer of Gorbachevism.

Now, Mr Yeltsin has a new position and the rank of minister (though it would be unwise to predict for how long). He may yet retain his non-voting membership of the Politburo. Mr Gorbachev, for his part, has nailed his colours to the reform mast again and the Soviet ship of state can continue its voyage into the bright future. The Yeltsin affair can be dismissed as just a tiny squall along the way, perhaps even a necessary test of the captain's seamanship.

Some Western observers have been almost as keen as Soviet officials to play down the significance of Mr Yeltsin's fall. Perhaps he was, as he confessed, over-ambitious. Perhaps he was also over-zealous in his pursuit of economic and administrative change. Perhaps he was better arousing than meeting expectations.

To judge by the official indictment, however, Mr Yeltsin's mistakes were not of this order. Rather he made one grave error, a classic administrator's error. He started from the premise that the Moscow party organization he had been appointed to clean up and make efficient was so corrupt and so inefficient that he had to start again. In so doing, he alienated the whole of the old party machine which had no further function than to obstruct his every move.

Mr Yeltsin's tactical error was compounded by his belief that he would have Mr Gorbachev's unconditional support. In the event he became a victim of the beleaguered apparition which saw its authority and privilege threatened. And Mr Gorbachev doubtless had little choice but to take the side of the apparition he too had fallen into its grasp, and his reform programme with him. The message now is steady as she goes: the party machine has successfully struck back.

Part of the importance of the Yeltsin affair is its demonstration of the continuing power of the Soviet party establishment, which has so much to lose from real *perestroika*. If *perestroika* is to work at all, some of the present

multitude of officials will have to connive in a loss of power for themselves and their colleagues, and allow more popular participation in decisions. Unusually for a Soviet official, Mr Yeltsin appears to have attracted the support of many Muscovites who risked their freedom by organizing petitions on his behalf. The salutary lesson is that when popular support conflicted with the party apparatus, the apparatus won.

Proof of the apparatus's power is not the only lesson of the Yeltsin affair: as significant is the way he was treated. The public exposure of his shortcomings has been presented by Soviet spokesmen as a prime example of *glasnost*. If this is so, *glasnost* is not what we have been led to believe. It is rather the party's one-sided use of the official media for its own ends, and only that. Similar openness was shown during the early show trials of the 1930s. Then, often respected leaders were indicted for their alleged failings — in full view of Western reporters, and the details were published in *Pravda*. Now, as then, the official reason for making the details public was "democratization" — a desire to involve people and keep them on the party's side against the enemy.

The same unpleasant whiff of the Stalin years rises from the accusations against Mr Yeltsin: political ambition, a false perception of official policy, an inflated ego, demagoguery, opportunism, political immaturity and "negativism". In each of these charges it is possible to divine the opposite and conclude that Mr Yeltsin was not prepared to make the compromises necessary to keep his job.

Nothing about the way Mr Yeltsin was treated accords with Mr Gorbachev's earlier — and refreshing — calls for divergent views to be tolerated, and for people to take personal responsibility for their actions. Nor does it chime with the Soviet leadership's new emphasis on personal morality and conscience as the only antidote to the legacy of Stalinism in Soviet society.

Mr Yeltsin, like most conscientious leaders who have lost the confidence of his superiors and the support of those beneath him, offered his resignation. But it was not accepted. He had to confess his guilt. He had to demonstrate his acceptance of the Communist Party's claim to be the sole repository of truth and so discourage any other apostates in waiting. That is the real message of the Yeltsin affair and the biggest question hanging over Mr Gorbachev's reforms.

A CUT NEITHER SWIFT NOR CLEAN

The outline agreement between President Reagan and Congress on cutting the US budget deficit is a good advertisement neither for the president's political virility nor for American politics in general. A month after the stockmarket crash and just hours before the legislative deadline set by the revised Gramm-Rudman-Hollings Act, the Americans have been able to do little better than produce a statement of intent.

The size of the cut was always less important than for it to be swift and clean. Indeed, the threat of crash turning into recession might have been exacerbated by a massively deflationary cut in the level of borrowing. To restore confidence in the markets the US administration had to show that it recognised the policy changes required and was prepared to act decisively to achieve them.

In the event the cut was neither swift nor clean. Mr Reagan deserves some credit for finally agreeing to some tax increases but it is still not clear exactly where those increases will be. The agreement covers only broad areas of policy leaving much of the detail to be negotiated over the next ten working days following the Thanksgiving recess. Nor is it the clear and clean reduction in spending and increase in taxes which would have been desirable. Several strategies have been employed to swell the package including unspecified increases in public charges, once-off sales of assets and a wishful allowance for reduced tax evasion.

Half a loaf, however, is generally better than no bread. Although the size of the cuts is precisely as expected and their composition rather disappointing — spending cuts will actually total less than would have occurred under the automatic action of the Gramm-Rudman legislation — the long sought action to restrain America's inclination to live off savings of the rest of the world has been put in place.

This will not prevent the US deficit from rising slightly in the current fiscal year on present estimates compared with last year's \$148-billion. But when the increase in the deficit due to slower growth is taken into account, it may be that the underlying trend has been turned. As a new president will be elected before fiscal 1988 is more than a few weeks old the package of \$46-billion of cuts in next year's budget is of

limited value, but at least the tax increase element in this year's package will run on next year unless specifically reversed.

Foreign exchange markets will probably register some signs of relief and the dollar may stabilise for the time being. Steadier currency markets may also help to calm nerves in stockmarkets.

The need now is for rapid clarification of the details of the US package followed by coordinated action from the other major economic powers to complement the US proposals. A meeting of the Group of Seven major industrial nations cannot usefully take place until after Congress has agreed detailed legislation on the package. When (and if) that occurs the G7 countries should be ready with an agreement showing that all the governments of the major countries, — not just the US — understand and accept their responsibilities towards the economic wellbeing of the world as a whole.

Cutting the US deficit was a necessary condition for restoring market confidence, but it is by no means a sufficient one. If the US has added to the deflationary effect of the fall in stockmarket prices it is all the more important that other countries, which can safely do so, put in place offsetting expansionary measures.

The main responsibility must be on Japan and West Germany — more particularly on Germany. Japan has already taken special measures to boost public spending this year and its economy is again growing quite rapidly.

In Germany all efforts to urge expansionary measures have foundered on the country's long-standing fiscal and monetary conservatism. This has served the Germans well in the past keeping inflation below that of competing countries and providing a sound basis for steady growth. At present, however, the economy is one of the slowest growing in Europe.

As for Britain, the economy is contributing strongly to world growth. If inflation is to be reduced further and the trade deficit to remain manageable, then any relaxation of fiscal or monetary policy must be cautious. Nevertheless, the recent strength of sterling suggests that in the context of further cuts in interest rates elsewhere, a further modest reduction in base rates should be possible.

of new technical and vocational courses and qualifications have made many sixth forms unviable.

Even Mrs Angela Rumbold, the junior education minister, in a speech to the Tertiary Colleges Association on October 23 last year, spoke about the growing market for tertiary colleges and stressed the case for such colleges was helped by the Government's own view that "it was vital to bring academic and vocational work closer together".

A majority of Wandsworth parents has already endorsed the proposals not once, but twice, in public consultations in 1983 and 1986-87. The authority is guilty only of carrying out its proper duties.

In fact the debate illustrates the essential weakness of the bid by Wandsworth to take over education from the ILEA. On average half the ILEA college students cross a borough boundary to attend their classes. The ILEA can engage in such strategic regional

planning needed to rethink 16-19 provision; not so a single borough with no educational expertise or tradition.

Yours sincerely,
PAUL FLATHER (Chairman, ILEA Further and Higher Education Subcommittee),
The County Hall, SE1.
November 9.

Indirect mail

From Dr J. L. Crosby
Sir, I am cheered by the letter from Lady Waterhouse today (November 20). There may still be hope. Within the last three months at least six letters or packets we have posted in this village (some with not inexpensive contents) have failed to reach their destinations. It is possible that 20 years later some of the addressees may still be alive, though the letters by then will have lost their point.

Yours faithfully,
JACK CROSBY,
School House, High Street,
Stanhope,
Bishop Auckland, Co. Durham.

Questions about 'Soviet mind'

From Mr Lionel Bloch

Sir, Mr R. Legvold (articles, November 17, 18) claims that the "Soviet mind" is changing in ways that are important to the US and its allies, but the four categories of "new thinking" which he cites are utterly unconvincing.

1. To illustrate Mr Gorbachev's "reworked concept of security" he refers to what the Soviet leader has been saying since 1986 but does not consider what the Soviet Union has been actually doing to implement his declarations. The INF (intermediate nuclear forces) treaty has the merit, from Moscow's point of view, of increasing Soviet preponderance in chemical and conventional weapons.

2. The Soviet leader may well concede the link between national and mutual security, but this hardly diminishes the "historic competition between East and West or at least primitive versions of it". Strange how the inhabitants of the Baltic states, the East European satellites and Afghanistan appear unaware of this momentous change.

3. Is it true that the Third World has sunk lower among the Kremlin's priorities? In fact, Soviet subsidies to Cuba continue unabated and the presence of Soviet military advisers in various parts of Africa is increasingly evident. So is the delivery of Soviet arms to Iraq, Syria etc.

4. Mr Legvold also invokes the somewhat esoteric subject of "socialist relations" on which Mr Gorbachev apparently strikes "a pose of patience and broad-mindedness". Pose is right, as Mr Yeltsin and others who took *glasnost* too literally found out at their cost. Has any "socialist" dared to criticise Mr Gorbachev in public?

Mr Legvold's pleas for greater Western benevolence towards Mr Gorbachev are based on a rosy misconception of *glasnost*. After all, the primary meaning of this word is "publicity". Yours faithfully,
LIONEL BLOCH,
9 Wimpole Street, W1.

Drug unit closure

From Dr John W. Mack

Sir, Dr Bewley and Professor Ghosh, writing on November 6, draw attention to the threatened closure of the drug-dependency inpatient unit at Tooting Bec Hospital. The alarming proposal was first made in a consultation paper regarding the strategy for services for drug misusers in the West Lambeth Health Authority area. I can fully understand the need to relocate the unit if the hospital was to be closed, but the consultation paper suggests not relocation but the replacement of what is a small number of beds to serve the district alone.

The Department of Health circular HC86(3) and the appendix thereto describes the need for tertiary specialist services, i.e., tertiary services for problem drug users. Any decision to close such a unit should surely be made at regional rather than district health authority level.

Although I am writing to you personally as a clinician in charge of a drug-dependency unit, I am also Chairman of the North-East Thames Regional Drugs Advisory Committee. In that role I am very much aware of the difficulties which are encountered in our region because we do not have a specialist regional in-patient unit. We rely on access to Tooting Bec for the treatment of the more difficult chaotic cases we encounter.

Yours sincerely,
JOHN W. MACK,
Hackney Hospital,
Drug Dependency Unit,
Homerton High Street, E9.

Arts fund increase

From Mr Peter Owen

Sir, The increase in arts funding (report, November 6) is overdue but welcome. It has yet to be revealed whether any of this windfall will be directed to literature. Nothing is being done to assist books of quality that will sell badly. It is increasingly difficult for publishers to take on unknown authors with potentially small sales. Libraries are scandalously underfunded and people begrudge spending money on books, particularly on hardbacks.

Having always been deprived, literature is less greedy than the other arts, and there is little waste: a relatively small allocation of funds to help writers and publish-

In rival camps over Stone Age site

From Mr Alastair Service

Sir, Dr Paul Ashbee's misleading letter of November 18 seems determined to work up hysteria about the proposal to build a small hotel near Avebury. I have seen the plans and model and the facts are these. The site is over a mile away from Avebury stone circle, on a plot occupied by a ramshackle transport café beside the A4 Bath Road, where its stream of juggernauts and cars thunder across the ancient Ridgeway track.

On the opposite side of the road is the site of the Neolithic Sanctuary, concentric rings of post-holes and stone-holes, where only concrete markers can be seen now on a grass platform overlooking the Kennet's source valley and the long barrows. It is an accident of fate that there are no overnight facilities for walkers along the Ridgeway. There is no hotel nearer to Avebury than Marlborough.

The proposed hotel is the idea of Mr and Mrs Brian Ashley, who own the craft shop in Avebury, not some big property developer. The plan is for three interlocking cones, reflecting in miniature the shapes of Silbury Hill and of the Stone Age structure that many archaeologists think rose above the Sanctuary postholes near by. The tallest of these cones would rise to only three storeys (where is Dr Ashbee's "massive, high-standing hotel and conference centre"?). The wall materials would be quietly brownish.

The present tumbledown shanty hamlet of the café would vanish. Ridgeway walkers and Avebury visitors would have somewhere lovely to stay the night. There would be improved road access to prevent accidents. Yours faithfully,
ALASTAIR SERVICE,
Swan House, Bray Street,
Avebury, Wiltshire.

From Mrs Jane Grigson

Sir, Dr Ashbee's letter, protesting about the planned zigzags, car and coach parks at the height of the Ridgeway, near Avebury, was welcomed by many of us living in North Wiltshire. Today (early editions, November 19) your article exposes the monstrous egoism of the scheme. By what architectural conceit do the proposers desire to put up a "bold and confident building" where all previous Wiltshiremen — and they include Sir Christopher Wren — have had the tact to stay their hand?

Radiation levels

From Mr Fred Emery

Sir, While everyone must welcome the drastic revision downwards of maximum permitted radiation doses (report, November 19), one is entitled to ask why it has taken the National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB) so long.

In May, 1986, I reported in a *Panorama*, produced by Peter Ceresole, the new evidence that British radiation levels were between two and 10 times too slack. The programme reported from Hiroshima on the disturbing findings of the joint US-Japan government study which the NRPB has only now accepted. But at the time (your report of May 22, 1986) both the Environment Minister, Mr William Waldegrave, and the NRPB saw fit to attack the programme as wrong.

In fact on March 17, 1986, the US-Japan Atomic Bomb Radiation Dosimetry Committee issued a joint statement. The key part read:

Scientists throughout the world concerned with the effects of radiation on man have been looking forward to the early release of the reassessment of atomic bomb radiation dosimetry and to the re-evaluation of the effects of atomic bomb radiation on man based on the new dosimetry. Today's decision

ers may alleviate the cultural stagnation that will result without it.

Most countries, except the poorest, do more for their literature than Britain. This was pointed out at a recent conference, "Books and Literacy", convened by the Dutch Minister of Culture. The British Council, our only source of book promotion abroad, is so underfunded that the Amsterdam office is likely to close down.

A prosperous nation with a long literary legacy has a duty to continue that tradition or it will become permanently impoverished.

Yours truly,
PETER OWEN, Director,
Peter Owen Ltd. Publishers,
73 Kenway Road, SW5.

At Passchendaele

From Lord Houghton of Sowerby, CH

Sir, Have you space for a final outburst against Passchendaele (article, November 14) before it passes from living memory into one of the war crimes of history?

I got there in a draft of 19-year-olds of scant training in model trenches on the chalky downs of Winchester. We had no conception of the horrors of shell-hole warfare in a pockmarked morass of polluted slime. The July, 1917, offensive had failed, so the high command decided on a second attempt in September. By then it had rained incessantly and thousands of men went "missing", choked to death as they lay helpless and sinking unseen in waterlogged craters.

Forward positions were reached only by a long and perilous trek for miles on duckboards. Slippery foothold on the planks and shrapnel overhead took a heavy toll

before we could reach (or even find) the men waiting to be relieved after standing soaked and caked in mud without sleep for 48 hours.

We had to get to them somehow and in that merciless hell we were ordered not to stop to attempt the rescue of any who slithered or fell off the duckboards into the mire. Their heartrending cries for help had to go unheeded until the stretcher-bearers came to the rescue in the rear of the long single-file column making slow progress up the line.

What was the objective of those futile months of agony and miserable death? The official despatches of the time, since released, seem to show that it was more a feat than a fight, to relieve the pressure on the French forces further south.

Oh! what a ghastly war.

Yours faithfully,
HOUGHTON OF SOWERBY,
House of Lords.

Customs grip on drugs traffic

From Mr M. King

Sir, Mr Ben Patterson, MEP, argues (November 12) that because customs controls between the UK and France will cease at the end of 1992, the question of controls on the Channel tunnel trains is academic. Things are not quite so simple, nor should they be.

I notice that the artist's impression of the scheme, held up in your photograph by Mr Ashley, does not show the parking planned for over 50 cars and coaches, merely a "pickled old" barrow or two and a tasteful hummock of grass.

If people wish to experience "the bold and confident building of today" that Mr Ashley and Mr Johnson think we should pass on to future generations, they have only to turn their cars down the road to West Swindon. Car parking and facilities are excellent.

May I suggest that a fund be set up with the aim of buying this piece of land into safety? The dismal café could go. The site could be returned to grass, a place where we might view the exquisite circle of landscape that, by a miracle, still encloses, with unbroken horizons, this centre of our first civilisation.

Yours etc,
JANE GRIGSON,
Broad Town Farmhouse,
Broad Town, Swindon, Wiltshire.
November 19.

A bad blow

From Mr Raymond H. Little

Sir, I have good news for Sir Douglas Dodds-Parker (November 14) who suggests that tree clearance and planting should be added to the lists of tasks for offenders on community service. They have been already.

After the October gale a group of offenders on community service in Berkshire were diverted from their usual job of keeping public footpaths clear and went to the help of householders struggling with fallen trees. And others, working alongside conservation volunteers, are busy planting new ones.

Yours faithfully,
RAYMOND H. LITTLE
(Community Service Officer),
Berkshire Probation Service,
18a Castle Street,
Reading, Berkshire.
November 16.

(establishing a new system DS86) is in response to this strong expectation.

Except in Britain, it seems. While I accept that official bodies need time to digest change, in this instance (*Panorama* came just after Chernobyl) there was no excuse for ministers and the NRPB not to have acted immediately, advising at least precautionary reduction of permitted radiation doses — so increasing protection work for all who work in this field.

Likewise there is no excuse for continuing ministerial complacency that this matter can be safely left to scientific advisers, who, sincere though they are, are repeatedly shown not to be the best judges of what is prudent in the public interest.

For too long "alars" — meaning "as low as reasonably achievable" — has been allowed in the regulations to cover foot-dragging in the nuclear establishment. The legal radiation limits should forthwith be brought into compliance with the latest NRPB recommendation which, for the public, is 1/10 millisievert — exactly 10 times less than the law currently permits.

Yours etc,
FRED EMERY,
Garick Club,
Garick Street, WC2.
November 20.

Plight of homeless

From Lord Scarman

Sir, In today's *Times* (November 17) Lord Hylton highlights the present worsening situation of the homeless condemned either to "bed and breakfast" accommodation or to houses in multiple occupation, while Mr Ellis tells us that in the street where he lives there are six good houses empty and boarded up.

I commend to our legislators the study of a proposed Bill prepared by Ron Bailey, of the Empty Property Unit, and published at a press conference yesterday. It is entitled the Empty Property and Community Aid Bill. It offers a solution to the scandal of residential property standing empty while so many are homeless.

Yours sincerely,
SCARMAN,
House of Lords,
November 17.

Young men's burden

From Mr Denis E. Meehan

Sir, It is, I suppose, a classic symptom of advancing age that one should perceive or imagine greater casual incivility in younger generations than existed in the golden chivalric days of one's own youth.

Be that as it may, I was astonished to see recently on the top deck of a London bus two young men, with bags, each of them occupying a whole double seat, while passengers stood in the aisle for lack of seats. That these young men should have had to be asked to move their bags and shift along, so that others could sit, I find almost incredible.

Yours faithfully (at 41),
DENIS E. MEEHAN,
1a Ringford Road,
Wandsworth, SW18.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 23 1986

The ill-fated Hungarian uprising sent refugees fleeing to the West. Mr Nagy, the Hungarian Prime Minister, was, in the words of a *Times* leader, later "tricked, trapped, imprisoned and finally done to death".

APPEAL FOR AID TO REFUGEES GRAVE PLIGHT IN AUSTRIA

From Our Own Correspondent
VIENNA, Nov. 23

An urgent appeal to world public opinion for speedy action in helping Austria to deal with the flood of refugees still pouring in from Hungary was made today by Dr. Kreisky and Professor Gschaltner, State Secretaries in the Austrian Foreign Ministry.

Dr. Kreisky told correspondents that the refugee situation had now become "really alarming". A total of no fewer than 60,000 Hungarian refugees, 6,410 of whom arrived during the past 24 hours, had reached Austria.

... Austria just did not have the technical possibilities for dealing with them all — and the onset of winter made things even worse.

... What was required was "quick action which will produce a solution in a matter of hours".

The best answer, in the view of the Austrian authorities, would be for countries in Western Europe, who had already offered their help, to send complete trains to the Austrian border. The refugees would be put straight into the trains.

Such rapid help had to be "unconditional". It was no good trying first to categorise the refugees or to make them undergo medical examinations. The situation was such that the normal immigration procedure insisted upon by some countries had to be waived. The refugees had to be got away as quickly as possible and with the minimum of red tape.

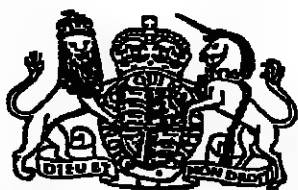
Many countries had promised aid and had already taken some refugees, but the urgency of the matter was still not always realised. Dr. Kreisky said that Switzerland had so far taken the most Hungarian refugees — some 2,739. Switzerland had sent a train straight to Austria, Belgium, which had taken 1,863, had also sent a train. Holland had come next with 1,278, western Germany with 1,145, Britain with 578, and Sweden with 495.

Describing Austria's difficulties over refugees since 1945, Dr. Kreisky said some 650,000 refugees had come into the country from the east since that year; of these 190,000 had remained, 36,000 of them being still in camps.

In Budapest to-day the 48-hour protest strike declared by the workers' councils brought to a standstill even those few trains and buses that had started to run again during the past few days.

BELGRADE, Nov. 22. — Yugoslavia announced to-night that Mr. Nagy, the former Hungarian Prime Minister, left the Yugoslav Embassy in Budapest to-day after the Hungarian Government gave guarantees that he will not be persecuted.

The announcement said that those given refuge in the Embassy include 13 men, 15 women and 17 children, all Hungarian nationals. Among them were Mr. Gede Losonc and other politicians, and Mrs. Rajk, widow of the Communist leader László Rajk, who was executed in 1949 as a "Titoist". — Associated Press.



COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
November 21: The Prince Edward this morning opened the National Junior Crime Prevention Conference at the Port House Hotel, Great Barr, near Walsall, West Midlands.

His Royal Highness, attended by Lieutenant Colonel Sean O'Dwyer, travelled in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Grimaldi was christened Sophia Anne Camilla by the Right Rev Edward Roberts and the Rev Matthew Lynn at Holy Trinity Church, Bembridge, Isle of Wight, on Saturday, November 21, 1987. The godparents are Mr Patrick Hungerford, Mr Ian Laing, Mrs Adrian McAlpine and Miss Caroline Crighton-Stewart.

The infant daughter of Mr and Mrs Thomas Service was christened Katherine Mary Rose by the Rev G.P. Thornley in the Chapel of St Bartholomew, Allnut's Hospital, Goring Heath, on Sunday, November 22. The godparents are Mr Desmond Cichon, Mr Guy Runsey, Mrs Julia Kerr and Mrs James Norman.

Birthdays today

Professor C. Adamson-Macdonald, electrical engineer, 65; Mr Prince Edward, 11; Mrs Anne Burns, former British gliding champion, 72; Colonel A.M. Gilmour, Lord Lieutenant of Sutherland, 71; Mr Michael Fought, actor, 59; Sir John Hermon, chief constable, RUC, 59; Mr Lew Hoard, tennis player, 53; Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Knight, 55; Mr Christopher Logue, poet and author, 61; Mr Maurice Lash, former governor, Northern Province, Sudan, 61; Miss Diana Quirk, actress, 41; Sir Peter Saunders, theatrical producer, 76; Sir Peter Strawson, philosopher, 68.

Today's royal engagements

The Queen, accompanied by the Duke of Edinburgh, will attend the Royal Variety Performance at the London Palladium at 7.50. The Princess of Wales, Patron of the National Rubella Council, will visit the factory of Park Cakes, Oldham, at 11.15 in connection with National Rubella Awareness Week and will visit the project being carried out by the Oldham and Rochdale Groundwork Trust at Princess Park, Chadderton, at 1.15. The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron of the Women's Carriage Trust, will attend the "Lords v Commons" charity swim at the RAC, Pall Mall, at 7.35. The Duke of Kent, Vice-Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board, will open the Sussex Business Industry and Technology Exhibition at Gatwick Airport at 11.10. Princess Alexandra, Colonel-in-Chief, will visit the 17th/21st Lancers, Munster, Federal Republic of Germany.

Science report

Pottery chalices were used for magical rites

By Norman Hammond, Archaeology Correspondent

Pottery vessels found at 16th and 17th century Amerindian sites in Canada have been identified as native copies of French Catholic chalices. They come from settlements where there was European contact, but not colonization, and are thought to have been used for magical or healing rituals.

The vessels, all stemmed and resembling wine glasses in shape, come from four Huron Indian sites at the south-eastern corner of Lake Huron, and from four villages of the Neutral tribe around the western end of Lake Ontario about 100 miles to the south. Both groups belong to the Iroquoian confederacy which occupied much of this region of southern Ontario and northern New York State at the time of European contact.

Such contact is recorded in the 1530s, when the French explorer Jacques Cartier met Iroquoians on the St Lawrence River to the east, but the earliest of the vessels in question comes from the Parsons Site, midway between the Huron and Neutral territories and apparently dating to the 1520s. Two pieces of bone from this site show contact with the existing European settlements on the Atlantic coast of Canada.

Eighteen of the stemmed vessels have been found so far, all as fragments and all in sites with European metal objects. Trade beads have also been found in all

Appointments

Mrs Rosalind Mackworth to be the first Social Fund Commissioner for Great Britain.

Dr Peter Knight, Director of the City of Birmingham Polytechnic, has been elected Chairman of the Society for Research into Higher Education. Professor Lewis Elton has been appointed a Fellow of the Society and Dr R.B. Swain has been appointed to an Assistant Fellowship.

Mr Robert Paul Reid, chairman and chief executive of Shell UK, to be a Trustee of the Science Museum.

Service dinners

37th (Wessex and Welsh) Signal Regiment (V)
Lieutenant-Colonel J.D. Cox, Commanding Officer of the 37th (Wessex and Welsh) Signal Regiment (V), presided at the annual dinner held in Bristol on Saturday.

Major-General A. Yeoman, Honorary Colonel, Brigadier J.A.P. Russell and Brigadier M.J. Evans were the principal guests.

RAF Airfield Construction Officers' Association
Air Commodore J.P.R. Browne presided at a reunion dinner of the RAF Airfield Construction Officers' Association held on Saturday at the RAF Club. Brigadier J.S. Symons was among the guests.

No 1 Maritime Headquarters Unit RAUXAF
Officers of No 1 Maritime Headquarters Unit RAUXAF held a guest night dinner at Valency House, Northwood, on Saturday in honour of Air Commodore Sir Adrian Swire, Honorary Air Commodore of the unit. Wing Commander D.A. Bridgeman, Officer Commanding, welcomed the guests and Squadron Leader Ann Blackburn presided.

Royal Artillery TA and National Artillery Association
General Sir Richard Vincent, Vice-Chief of the General Staff, and Lady Vincent were the principal guests at the ladies dinner given on Friday night at the RA Mess, Woolwich, by Officers of the Royal Artillery Territorial Army and the National Artillery Association. General Sir Thomas Morony, Master Gunner, St James's Park, presided.

Church news

Resignations and retirements
The Rev John Duncan, Rector, St Andrew's Church, Northwood, retired on February 20, 1988. The Rev John Duncan, Rector, St Andrew's Church, Northwood, retired on February 20, 1988.

The Rev Kenneth Pearce, Vicar, St Paul's Church, Oxford, retired on November 22. The Rev Kenneth Pearce, Vicar, St Paul's Church, Oxford, retired on November 22.

Other appointments
The Rev Gordon Parrell, Vicar, St Paul's Church, Oxford, retired on November 22. The Rev Gordon Parrell, Vicar, St Paul's Church, Oxford, retired on November 22.

Dr J.S. Whale

Fearful treading among angels

'I don't believe there's no such a person,' is Betsey Pigg's doubt about Mrs Harris in Dickens's *Martin Chuzzlewit* over angels? Does the word made familiar by scripture and tradition refer to real and actual beings? Are choirs of angels any more than colourful religious imagery appropriate at Christmas?

Answers to these questions might begin with a look at ideas and practices which were leading Christians astray at Colossae in 60 AD, and which moved St Paul to send them a letter. His epistle to the Colossians was to become a formative and authoritative treatise for Christians.

These Colossians were toying with a theology. They were even including an angelic hierarchy of beings in their worship of God. They were worshipping the one God in and through Christ, of course, but without due awareness of Christ's unique pre-eminence.

To Paul this was a compromise with polytheism. He met it with the grandest christological pronouncement in the New Testament. Colossians 1:15-20 has a distinctive fulness which differentiates it even from his other great affirmations in Philippians 2:5-11.

But why elaborate such speculative niceties? The answer is that they were and are inevitable. The relation of the One to the many — of the Ultimate Reality to the multiplicity of phenomena — is an immemorial enigma for our thought.

If we emphasise God's transcendence (as Jews did) and His immanence (as Greeks did), what logical synthesis

emerges from such diverse presuppositions? Eighteen centuries later than Paul a Tennysonian still find the question unanswerable as he contemplates 'flower in the crannied wall'.

There have been many attempts to resolve the problem by some system of mediation between the Eternal and the temporal. In the Hermetic scriptures the cosmos is the bridge. In Philo of Alexandria (Paul's contemporary) it is Logos or Word, as in the great opening verses of the Fourth Gospel. In systems known generically as Gnosticism discarnate intelligences (*daemons*) were the mediating principle, and very attractive at Colossae.

I once heard C.H. Dodd remark casually in a lecture at Oxford that in modern Greek *schizismos* means 'ghost'. For Christianity the unambiguous answer is given by Paul: it is Christ in his sole pre-eminence, and this Hebraic/Christian witness has been a winning system ever since.

The versatile Anglican scholar C. F. Burney suggested just how Paul did this; how he came by the winning formula, so to speak. Paul's christology here is a laudable of the varied imagery available in the great melting-pot of the Hellenistic world.

Feasible eclecticism there had made use of Platonist, Jewish, Stoic and Zoroastrian elements: but Paul was beating such eclecticism at its own game by heaping together in meditative rabbinic fashion relevant scriptural terms such as Image, Beginning, Head, Firstborn, Fulness. Jew himself, he is here exploiting the rich variety of his native tradition.

But he adds explicit negatives to his positive witness. He tells Colossian Christians that they are missing their angelic heritage in two ways. He condemns their angel-worship; also a holier-than-thou exclusiveness which their ascetic practices involve (Col. 2:16-23).

Incidentally, the Dead Sea Scrolls confirm the conclusion of modern research that the Judaism of the first Christian century was not the monotheistic structure which it is sometimes alleged to have been: like all living religion it knew variety of thought and expression, and had its differences and divisions.

Has Colossians anything to tell us about angels then? We have shed the anthropomorphism which made them human in form, but winged and sexless. Are they — like fairies — beings of our imagination? Or may we properly say with Milton's Adam that "millions of spiritual creatures walk the earth"? God's messengers at whose lead we may make the adoring response.

Wherefore with angels and arch-angels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name, evermore praising Thee.

This is the sacramental language of religion. It points beyond itself to the 'heavenlies' attested by the New Testament. In worship we who dwell yet in time and space hear the song of the angels and sing with them. That settles.

Dr Whale is a theologian of the United Reformed Church

Nature Notes



The fieldfare

Song-thrushes are singing again at dawn in the swaying tree tops; these are male birds laying claim to their nesting territories for next spring. But at this season they will often feed and even roost outside the territory.

Fieldfares, which are larger, more boldly spotted thrushes, have come in from the Continent and are feeding on hips and haws. Flocks of meowhens are foraging on the banks of rivers and ponds; some are immigrants, some are birds that have come down from the hills. Many coots have flown in from as far as Russia; they stay mainly on the water, diving for pondweed.

Most trees are bare, but in many years there is a last late blaze of colour where leaves are still hanging on. Some beech trees are a rich orange; hazel leaves are yellow and pink; oak leaves are coppery in the sun. There are piles of glossy yellow leaves beneath the black Italian poplars. Many weeping willows are still green.

Dinner

Grant Thornton
Mr Michael Lickish, National Managing Partner of Grant Thornton, and Mr Ian Percy, Managing Partner of the firm London office, were the hosts at a dinner in honour of Mr Arthur Green, President of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, at its headquarters in Moorgate Place on November 18, 1987. Mr Robert Smith of Charterhouse Development Capital Limited replied to the toast to the guests and those present included clients, partners, professional colleagues and friends.

Latest wills

Dr James William Douglas Bell, of Henley on Thames, Oxfordshire, one of the leading specialists in neurological radiology, who died in a motor accident, left estate valued at £318,136 net.

Mr Gerald Roylance Chichester Fairlie, of London SE21, retired company director, left estate valued at £1,478,946 net.

Mrs Joan Griffiths, of Kings Road, London SW19, left estate valued at £466,730 net.

Mrs Agnes Rebecca Penny Kahn, of Balaclava, Chiddingfold, Surrey, left estate valued at £1,795,125 net. She left her estate mostly to relatives.

Rear-Admiral Philip Holden Crothers, illegitimate, of Marston Magna, Oxfordshire, naval test pilot and director of aircraft maintenance and repair at the Admiralty 1962-67, left estate valued at £30,649 net.



Mr Tony Newton, the Minister for Health, and Nicole Rattle, aged seven, a young patient, yesterday celebrated Christmas. The children are pictured at the Christmas party at Guy's Hospital in London. The minister had earlier handed over to the hospital Christmas pudding made by Townswomen's Guilds. (Photograph: Dennis McNeelane)

Forthcoming marriages

Mr H.R.P. Arthur and Miss M.E.L. Robigo

The engagement is announced between Hugh, son of Professor and Mrs G.H. Arthur, of Stone Ailerton, Somerset, and Margaret, daughter of Mrs E. Robigo, of Kings Walden, Hertfordshire.

Major J.C. Blakesley and Miss R. Rume

The engagement is announced between John Cadman Blakesley, MBE, of Brashfield House, Bicester, and Robin Ruane (née Lucas-Phillips), of Roughton, Bury St Edmunds.

Mr M.C. Beest and Miss N.J. Campbell

The engagement is announced between Michael, elder son of Mr and Mrs Charles Beest, of Fairport, East Sussex, and Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Malcolm Campbell, of Stoke Bishop, Bristol.

Mr E.J.G. Britton and Miss C.L. Laming

The engagement is announced between Edward, son of Mr and Mrs R.P. Britton, of Burre Green, West Sussex, and Caroline, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs D.R.J. Laming, of Cambridge.

Mr F.N.P.H. Butterfield and Miss P.R. Fawcett

The engagement is announced between Piers, son of Professor and Mrs F.N.P.H. Butterfield, of Sturminster Marshall, Dorset, and Philippa, younger daughter of the Rev J.R.L.R. and Mrs Fawcett, of Langham, Norfolk.

Mr D.J. Douglas and Miss M.M. Lilley

The engagement is announced between David, only son of the late Mr William Douglas and of Mrs Margaret Douglas, of Morpeth, Northumberland, and Mary, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Tony Lilley, of Tankerton.

Mr A.G. Godon and Miss R.J. Biggs

The engagement is announced between Alexander George, only son of Major J.J. Godon, CVM, and Miss R.J. Biggs, of Windsor, London, and Rebecca Jane, third daughter of Mr and Mrs C.B. Biggs, of Andover.

Mr E.A.W. Jones and Miss R.L.N. Seel

The engagement is announced between Anthony Jones, of Cheltenham, Gloucestershire, elder son of the late Mr and Mrs E. Stanley Jones, of Haynes, Bedfordshire, and Rosemary Seel, of Greeting, Northamptonshire, younger daughter of the late Ven and Mrs Basil C. Seel, of Melbourn, Cambridgeshire.

Mr A.J. MacCall and Miss E.L. Smith

The engagement is announced between Alasdair, only son of the late Mr J. MacCall, of Edinburgh, and Helen, daughter of Dr and Mrs David Smith, of Winchester, Hampshire.

Mr A. Madden and Miss V. Wakeham

The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder son of Mr and Mrs A. Madden, of Tamworth, and Vivienne, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs A.J. Wakeham, of Halesowen.

Dr S.D. Martin and Miss A.J. Landless

The engagement is announced between Stephen David, son of Mr and Mrs Bernard Martin, of Redcar, Cleveland, and Amanda Jane, daughter of Mr William Landless and the late Mrs Landless, of Blyth.

Mr D.R. Pearce and Miss C.L. Harris

The engagement is announced between David, only son of Mr and Mrs Ralph John Pearce, of Cressing, Essex, and Carolyn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Arthur Robert Harris, of Garswood, Hertfordshire.

Mr R.W. Sherratt and Miss J. Sherratt

The engagement is announced between Richard, son of Mr and Mrs W. Sherratt, of Turbury, Staffordshire, and Jacqueline, youngest daughter of Mrs Y.L. Sherratt, of Birstall, Leicestershire.

Mr D.G. Vernon and Miss R.N. Myer

The engagement is announced between David Gordon, elder son of Mr and Mrs R.W. Vernon, of Sevenoaks, Kent, and Rosemary Nicola, elder daughter of Mr and Mrs Nicholas Myer, of Angering-on-Sea, West Sussex.

Dr M.N. Webster and Miss J.L. Cook

The engagement is announced between Martin Nicholas, only son of Mr and Mrs C.A. Webster, of Warden Hill, Luton, and Janet Elizabeth, youngest daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs G. Cook, of Littleton, Winchester.

Mr N.J. Ellerby and Miss M.M. Bishop

The engagement is announced between Nicholas John, son of the late Captain T.E. Ellerby and of Mrs Eileen, of Preston, and Margaret Mary, daughter of Dr and Mrs G.D. Bishop, of Bourne, Lincolnshire.

Mr M.C. Hobbs and Miss M.T. Gallagher

The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Anthony Hobbs, of Ockley, Surrey, and Maureen, eldest daughter of the late Mr Patrick Gallagher and of Mrs P. Gallagher, of London, N19.

Mr C.P. James and Miss E.J. Banks

The engagement is announced between Charles Peter, youngest son of Mr and Mrs E.P. James, of Newton Ferrers, Devon, and Erica Jane, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R.P. Banks, of Barton-under-Needwood, Staffordshire.

Mr D.E. McKean and Miss C.H. Shirie

The engagement is announced between David Edward, son of Dr and Mrs E.J.G. McKean, of Bradford, West Yorkshire, and Caroline Helen, daughter of Mr and Mrs C.W.P. Shirie, of Thirsk, North Yorkshire.

Major M.B. Morwood and Miss A.L. Crowley

The engagement is announced between Major Morwood, second son of Mr and Mrs B. Morwood, of Amarna, youngest daughter of Major General and Mrs J.P. Crowley, of Lustleigh, Devon.

OBITUARY

MR C. E. BLUNT

Expert in British coinage

Mr Christopher Blunt, OBE, who died on November 20, at the age of 83, was for more than 40 years, the leading figure in British numismatics. He was a particular authority on tenth-century coins.

He was a brother of Anthony Blunt (art historian and Russian agent) and of Wilfrid Blunt, curator of the Watts Gallery. Like them he was educated at Marlborough but, unlike them, did not go on to university, a fact that made his scholastic achievement the more impressive.

Christopher Evelyn Blunt was born on July 16, 1904. He spent his childhood, from 1912 to 1921, in Paris, where his father was chaplain to the British Embassy. He was a Foundation scholar at Magdalen College, Oxford, where he pursued a career in the City.

In 1924 he joined the merchant banking firm Higginson & Co. later becoming a partner and a director of its successor companies (part of the Hill Samuel group). After his retirement in 1964 his non-executive appointments included chairmanship of Eucalyptus Pulp Mills, Ltd.

His career was interrupted by wartime service in the Army, with duties including military censorship and later at SHAEP during the planning of the invasion of Europe. He attained the rank of colonel, and in 1945 was awarded the OBE and created an officer of the US Legion of Merit.

In parallel with his successful City career, Blunt pursued a lifetime of scholarship in mediaeval numismatics. While at school he read widely in archaeology and history. From 1931 he produced a stream of papers which remain standard authorities for the coinages of Henry VI, Edward IV and Edward V.

After the war his interest turned to the Anglo-Saxon series which had been largely neglected since the last century. Together with the young and energetic Michael Dolley, and under the guidance of Sir Frank Stenton and Dorothy Whitelock, he set about transforming our knowledge of the Anglo-Saxon coinage.

He wrote a number of fundamental studies on the coinages of the eighth and ninth centuries from Offa to Alfred.

But his greatest contribution was made during the last 20 years when he devoted his attention to the tenth century, publishing a monograph on *The Coinage of Athelstan* and a catalogue under joint authorship of the British Museum.

REAR-ADMIRAL GUY WILLOUGHBY

Rear-Admiral Guy Willoughby, CB, who died on November 19, at the age of 85, was a pioneer of naval air flying. He was himself a first-class fighter pilot, fearless and of good judgement, who specialized in night flying.

Much of his career was spent in aircraft-carriers, and he is believed to hold the record for landings at night on a moving deck.

He was born on November 7, 1902, a clergyman's son. He entered Osborne as a cadet in 1916, and was among the first to qualify for air courses.

During the latter 1920s and early 1930s his service took him more often to aircraft-carriers.

Then, in 1937, he joined the aircraft-carrier *Glorious* for duty as Senior Fleet Air Arm Officer — the first time that the appointment on the ship was held by a naval officer — serving under Captain (later Admiral) Lunney Lyster.

It was Lyster who organized the attack which crippled the Italian fleet at Taranto at a critical stage of the war in 1940. Though not a qualified pilot himself, he gained the confidence of the young officers of the Fleet Air Arm through his instinctive understanding of their outlook as the pioneers of a new branch of the naval service.

Although Willoughby did not take part in the Taranto victory, it was his planning and timing of the squadrons in *Glorious* two years earlier which enabled Lyster to refer to him as "the man at the bottom of the victory".

His first command came in 1942, of the escort carrier *Activity* — a British conversion. For the next two years the carrier was on duty in the North Atlantic and on the Russian convoys to Murmansk.

Experience was showing that a really strong surface escort of carriers could provide a high degree of immunity from U-boat and air attacks. *Activity* was to the

Dr J. Gareth Thomas, OBE, registrar of the University of Wales until 1981, has died, aged 66.

He was a senior lecturer in geography at Aberystwyth, with a reputation in rural geography, when he was appointed registrar in 1962, at the time when a commission was considering the university's future.

It fell to Thomas to implement a number of important changes, including the development of teaching through the medium of Welsh.

seum collection AD 934-973, and shortly before his death he had finished correcting the proofs of a joint book on the *Coinage of Tenth-Century England*.

His publications represented but a small part of the time and energy he gave to his subject. He was the principal editor of the *British Numismatic Journal* from 1935 to 1971, president of the British Numismatic Society (1946-50), and of the Royal Numismatic Society (1956-61). He was also a member of the Treasure Trove Reviewing Committee.

His war-time vision of a series of illustrated catalogues of collections of British coins was realised when, in 1953, the British Academy accepted a proposal for the *Syllage of Coins of the British Isles*, which was to become one of its most successful series. Blunt was its senior editor until his death, seeing 38 volumes to press.

However, his interests also lay more widely. He was, for example, president of the Society of Mediaeval Archaeology, and in the Society of Antiquaries he helped organize the rehabilitation of William Morris's house, Kelmscott. He was deeply involved in his county of Wiltshire, and village of Ramsbury, acting as president of the Wiltshire Archaeological and Natural History Society and chairman of the Wiltshire Museums Council.

He received many distinctions from learned societies at home and abroad, and in 1965 became one of the few without a university degree to be elected a Fellow of the British Academy. He was a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries.

He was proud that his brother Wilfrid achieved so much as an author and historian, as much as an art historian; the revelations of Anthony's activities as a Soviet agent, of which Christopher was quite unaware, came as a great and bitter shock.

Christopher Blunt's influence on the course of British numismatics has been greater than any other scholar's. A striking figure, tall and patrician, he appeared to have endless resources of patience and courtesy. Through his friendships and hospitality at his home at Ramsbury, for half-a-century he brought together a wide range of historians, archaeologists and numismatists.

He married, in 1930, Elisabeth Rachel Bazley, who died in 1980. They had a son and two daughters.

REAR-ADMIRAL GUY WILLOUGHBY

fore in these battles across the ferocious Arctic Ocean, and Willoughby brought to a high state of fighting efficiency a mixed ship's company of naval and merchant ratings.

After the war he returned to the Admiralty as Director of Naval Air Warfare. Then, in 1948, he went to Australia to serve on the Australian Commonwealth Naval Board where he helped to set up the air arm of the Australian navy. His final command (1951-2) was in the newly-commissioned aircraft-carrier *HMS Eagle*, which he nursed through its initial teething troubles and early service in the Fleet.

His final post, after which he retired in 1956, was as Flag Officer, Flying Training, at Yeovilton.

In retirement, he spent some years in industry and local government, as a Conservative councillor in his home town of Stroud. He was active also in many voluntary organizations, among them the local sea cadets, the Royal British Legion, and the Cheltenham tattoo.

A few years ago Guy Willoughby set off on a return visit to Yeovilton for the re-commissioning of 801 Squadron with which he had flown bi-planes long ago. Nearing his destination, however, he was involved in a car crash, which dealt him a serious blow.

His wife, Mary, whom he married in 1923, survives him with their son and daughter.

MRS JEAN WHINFREY

Jean Whinfrey, who died on November 18, at the age of 37, was among the best of her generation of young editors of part-works, the field of publishing which can be profitable but only if the information disseminated by instalments is skillfully edited and attractively presented.

She was born in Durham and educated there and at Leeds University. After a brief teaching career, in 1973 she joined the part-work publishers, Marshall Cavendish, as a trainee. By 1977 she was their editorial director, responsible for such top-selling part-works as *Grow Your Own*, *New Man* and *Woman*, and *Stitch by Stitch*.

In 1980 she joined the publishers Whinfrey Strachan, where she launched several part-works.

Earlier this year she was appointed editorial director of Orbis Publishing.

She is survived by her husband, Richard Whinfrey.

PICK OF THE WEEK AT CHRISTIE'S



Dante Gabriel Rossetti

'Proserpine' (detail)

This famous Pre-Raphaelite painting depicts William Morris's wife, Jane; eight versions of this subject were produced by Rossetti. Two of these are considered to be the best — one is in the Tate Gallery, the other is the painting for sale.

Football coach does 90mpg.*



At mid-day on July 26, 1987 a Ford Fiesta Diesel set off from John O'Groats, destination Land's End.

In the car were John Taylor, a football coach from Birmingham, Ray Hancox, a civil servant from Sutton Coldfield and Rod Lambert, an antique dealer from Lincoln. (Not one of them, you'll notice, was a professional driver).

Their objective?

To break the fuel economy record for the 888.1 mile run which then stood at 79.2 mpg.

It is worth mentioning that, apart from a special fuel meter, their Fiesta was absolutely standard.

You should also know that no motorways could be used. Instead they had to take ordinary

'A' roads with all their twists and turns and ups and downs, and they had to negotiate busy towns like Bristol and Carlisle.

Thirty five hours later, after a totally trouble free run, the trio clocked in at Land's End.

They'd used just 9.86 gallons, an average of 90.05 mpg.

The record was shattered. And, incidentally, with diesel costing around £1.54 a gallon they'd spent only £5 each on the journey!

By the way, they'd also raised £500 for 'Heart Beat', the charity which helps fund the Birmingham Children's Hospital.

There is, of course, a moral to this story. If you want to drive a long way on a little fuel,

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THE ARTS

Mixed grades

As Anthony Burgess has observed, there is nothing intrinsically funny in anything - not even in, say, a pair of red braces. The off-colour joke about Michael Grade's recent tenure at Shepherds Bush may best be seen on Saturday evenings, when BBC1 seems to wear a disembodied grimace as attractive as *The Laughing Policeman's* dentures.

After a shaky opener set in a POW camp, the new series of *Allo 'Allo* has wisely returned to the tranced realm of suspended animation and linguistic mayhem that is the Café Artois. Adding to the accent-salad, an Italian officer has been drafted in to make

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ice-cream jokes, which may be yet one more sign that the comic formulae have become strained beyond endurance.

Later, the same channel provided the weekly opportunity to sit stony-faced over *Monty Python's Flying Circus* and wonder what one saw in it 15 years ago. It may be a measure of the programme's influence elsewhere that it now looks tame and bereft of true invention, but since its first outing the most remarkable change has surely been the transference of embarrassment from the characters to the viewer.

BBC1 picked up steam last night with the final episode of *Fortunes of War*, a drama serial already freighted with merited praise. The entire cast seemed to be either coming back from the dead or dropping like flies, notably the splendidly misbuttoned Robert Stephens as a sodden, philandering poet. Kenneth Branagh gave an accomplished demonstration of acting technique which left his character both transparent and enigmatic. He has the gift of compelling absolute attention: one feels that if he played a spear-carrier in *Julius Caesar*, the production would perform hinge on the significance of spears to the canon. James Cellan Jones's direction, David Feg's photography and Tim Harvey's design constructed a showcase so apposite that one expected to see the artificial tins of period picture postcards.

There followed an oddity oblique *Everyman* on the efforts of a feisty American woman to discover the true story of her brother's disappearance in Honduras, the most dangerous business in the world. Given that this was the self-appointed padre to a band of Marxist guerrillas, his fate would always be a matter for alarm.

The documentary climaxed with a visit to a Death Squad defector in Toronto who revealed, unsatisfactorily enough, that the priest had almost certainly been executed after capture. The news that the CIA is actively engaged in teaching such men to drop human beings out of helicopters was the unflinching item of the weekend.

Martin Cropper



"I think a rock star should be obvious": Andrew Eldritch

David Sinclair meets the enigmatic master of gothic rock

Je suis un rock star

On the day that "This Corrosion" by the Sisters of Mercy entered the German singles chart, Andrew Eldritch, the leader of the duo, was in Hamburg. He rents a room in a third floor flat situated off the Reeperbahn. After a hectic day of interviews for the German press, he started the night by going to watch Echo & the Bunnymen, playing at the Markthalle.

He cut a strange figure standing at the back of the dimly-lit hall in his black pointed shoes, tattered jeans, black leather jacket (complete with Remembrance Day poppy) and the inevitable mirrored sunglasses perched on a crazy nose beneath a thatch of jet-black hair. "I think a rock star should make it obvious that he is a rock star and should be treated as such," he says. "It may sound pretentious, but it seems natural to me to refer to certain rock star conventions."

Walking along the windswept Hamburg streets after the gig, seemingly oblivious to the teeming rain (just like the "This Corrosion" video, in fact), Eldritch undoubtedly looked convincing in the part he has chosen to play, a kind of second generation Bowie alter-ego for the Eighties. "Du bist Eldritch?" asked a surprised youth. "Sometimes," the singer replied, without turning.

The notion of someone "reinventing oneself" is a cliché often referred to in the rock world, but Eldritch seems to have embraced the idea with above average zeal. And he is fond of quoting Jean-Paul Sartre's words, "I loathed my childhood and everything to do with it, and will give away little about his upbringing. Born in Ely, near Cambridge

in 1959, he spent eight "formative" years living in Harrow, but otherwise ended up travelling in the wake of his Air Force father and being schooled "everywhere". He spent a year studying French and German at St John's College, Oxford before switching to Oriental studies at Leeds University. At that point, he remembers, a career in the diplomatic corps seemed to beckon.

Today he is on the verge of legally changing his name to Eldritch ("Weird; hideous" - OED), and would not divulge his original surname. His natural hair colour is blond but "I feel naturally dark. I feel like my name is naturally dark." He owned the Sisters of Mercy at Leeds with the guitarist Gary Adams and the guitarist Wayne Hussey.

With their habit of submerging stages in complete washes of dry ice from which they appeared like wraiths to play their dark, morbid music, the Sisters came to define a new musical strand of the gothic aesthetic. The group split up in 1985, and while Hussey and Adams subsequently found success with the Mission, the mysterious Eldritch temporarily dropped from view. He subsequently recruited the bassist (and Morrisia Addams-lookalike) Patricia Morrison from the Gun Club, and following the success of "This Corrosion", the new Sisters of Mercy have just released their first LP, *Floodland*.

His favourite Hamburg bar is a graffiti-ed, windowless dive, which boasts a dozen iron tables and a pinball machine. He drinks nothing but coffee, smokes continuously and usually leaves at about 3.30am. On this night, Eldritch

walked back to his flat, secure behind his mirrored glasses, as he passed the prostitutes standing under their gaily coloured umbrellas on every street corner. While obviously relishing the air of sleazy after-hours vitality that the area exudes, Eldritch also vows that the shop just round the corner always gets *The Times* just after lunch. "On a good day I get the crossword done in 20 minutes."

For all his outlandish affectations, - really a wish to become like the "Starman" character in Bowie's song - Eldritch is a moderate, soft-spoken person who, when he pushed his glasses back and cracked a dry smile, reminded me most of Charles Hawtrey.

"Because I was born in England, I feel it's important to pay due respect to the laws of cricket and to hate the French," he said, apparently seriously. "But I did a lot of things that were expected of me before I grew up, which basically weren't me. I guess I was just reasonably thorough when it came to sorting all those things out."

At 7.30am a car arrived to take him, still wearing his shades, to the airport, from where he flew to Munich for an appearance on Germany's equivalent to *Top Of The Pops*. "Being almost nocturnal, I don't like bright light, and I like to be able to choose when to make conversation," he had told me earlier, apropos the omnipresent shades. Like everything else he does, it is, of course, also a classic rock star's way of attracting attention.

● The Sisters of Mercy's *Floodland* is released on Merciful Release/WEA MR441L.

CONCERTS

Spectrum/
Protheroe
St Paul's Hall
Huddersfield

The Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival is again extraordinary. This year it goes on for 10 days and, with four or five concerts a day, has room for several themes. There is a lot of American music to be heard, of many kinds and ages. There is, most valuable, the biggest presentation of Brian Ferneyhough's music ever mounted in this

BBC SO/
Dohnányi
Festival Hall/Radio 3

A neat geographical relationship linked the main elements of this concert. The European premiere of Philip Glass's first work for symphony orchestra, *The Light*, commissioned this year in Cleveland, was framed by Charles Ives's *Three Places in New England* and Bartók's *Concerto for Orchestra*, which was of course first performed in Boston. Moreover, Saturday night's conductor was Christoph von Dohnányi, currently music director of the Cleveland Orchestra.

In other respects, however, the works were poles apart. It is a popular conception that

Authentic punch

country, featuring more than a dozen works. And there is a salute to Xenakis for his 65th birthday.

Five pieces by him made up the programme for Saturday evening's concert, ranging in date up to the 1986 *Akeia* for the unlikely (for this composer) medium of the piano quintet, but reiterating the message that *Eonia*, written over 20 years earlier, is still the essential Xenakis piece for small forces. It is not just that the combination of trumpets and trombones with piano answers to Xenakis's fierceness and elemental barbarity

better than that of piano and strings, nor that the wanderings of the brass players on the platform enhance the dramatic and acoustic charm. Just as crucial is the sense here that the music justifies the level of intensity at which it is performed: when, for example, the Arditi Quartet played *Akeia* or *Ikhoo*, their determination and energy seemed unearned by what is a rather limited and generalised sequence of gestures and, in *Akeia*, a curiously bit formal scheme. But in *Eonia* the savagery burst straight from the notes. Members of

Spectrum, with Claude Helffer, flickering his hands over the keyboard, gave a blazing performance under Guy Protheroe.

Two other works conveyed an authentic punch. Irvine Arditi, touching heights other violinists cannot reach, made *Dikhtas* sound like a Paganini caprice squared, and Judith Bingham and Ann Manly roared out the curses of *N'shima* for pairs of voices, horns and trombones with cello. They might have been more effective had they done without parts and tuning forks: care looks a bit odd in this realm of the primitive.

Paul Griffiths

Blandness from the East Coast



Christoph von Dohnányi

"they don't write good tunes any more". In fact, what they appear not to be writing any more are good, nasty dissonances.

Listening to Glass's *The Light* straight after Ives's clangorous, visionary and gloriously anarchic *Three Places* (composed about 80 years ago) was a depressingly regressive experience. What uncomplicated, perfectly regulated tunes we must now live in, that serious composers feel able to create such bland, simplistic and synthetic sounds.

The Light was apparently "inspired" by the experiments of two 19th Century physicists, though in its harmonic scope it seemed nearer in time to Archimedes's Principle. Cadential formulae, repeated perhaps 200 times; primary-

colour orchestration and primary-school percussion writing; arpeggio figuration shunted by the ton; a concept of structure that requires the music only to get louder and thicker, and then to start again

— these are the hallmarks, again displayed, that have won Glass his following. One hopes that, after this latest epic, some of his fans will have seen the light.

Happily, they were later treated to the BBC Symphony Orchestra's highly disciplined Bartók's masterpiece. Neither here nor in the Ives were the more vigorous ensembles or big solos thrown off with quite enough panache.

But Dohnányi — an admirable, if occasionally too polite musician — achieved rare atmosphere in the quieter passages, well-controlled approaches to sonorous climaxes, and a general impression of balance, thought and finesse.

Richard Morrison

London Sinfonietta/Rattle
Queen Elizabeth Hall

One waits a long time for such a seriously beautiful performance of *Pierrot Lunaire* as Simon Rattle gave with the London Sinfonietta. It was a performance not fussed into an ironic perfection of *la Boulez* but deep and rich, centred instrumentally on a cello, a clarinet and a piano that had all known Brahms and a performance in which the graphic detail, though strong, never disoriented itself from a thoroughly musical continuity.

Above this wonderful ensemble playing, Elise Ross danced in a clear-toned rev-

erie, inclining more to song than to speech, except in a few numbers that were almost pitchless recitations. Caught in a spotlight on the darkened stage, she was, throughout, slow in her gestures.

The courtroom, if in another sense, was suggested, too, by her cropped hair and long black gown; underneath, as she revealed in the central part of the work, she wore a satin trouser suit, gleaming, corrugated and erotic like the inner parts of some shellfish. Oyster-fashion, the performance slipped down: not 21 concatenated songs but an opera in photographs, quick and single, even though each number was intensely alive.

I can only offer a few flashes: of the spider shapes of

"...ah!" creeping down from cello to clarinet to piano, besotted and furry, but in all their tangibility contributing to the greater malevolence of a *passacaglia*, or of Miss Ross at the end of this movement, not curling her lip with the music but, more interestingly, oppressed by her condition.

Or again, in this same interpretative line, there was Christopher van Kampen's glorious playing in "Serenade". Most cellists here try to justify Pierrot's description of the music as "grotesque", but of course he is wrong in this as in everything else he says; and Miss Ross's definiteness pointed up his weak grasp.

P.G.

Where the wild opera runs

'Mozart'/Knussen
Double Bill
City Opera

The stuff of legends: next door, on the very evening that the Metropolitan Opera unveiled its misbegotten *Trovanore*, the New York City Opera was mounting a travesty billed as *Mozart's L'oca del Cairo* in tandem with Oliver Knussen's *Where the Wild Things Are*.

Stanley Sadie has speculated that Mozart abandoned composition of *L'oca del Cairo*, K. 422 in 1783 because "he came to realize how feeble [was] the libretto" of Giambattista Varesco. Far be it from City Opera to lose heart. Indeed, the director, Frank Corsaro, has compounded the feebleness. Using a one-act performing edition from 1936 by Virgilio Mortari and Diego Valeri that incorporates other music by Mozart (and Mortari) and adapts the libretto, Corsaro has added a plot line and Italian dialogue that set the whole within the context

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of an 18th-century rehearsal of Mozart's opera-in-progress. Newly completed fragments trickle in and the composer himself makes an appearance.

The production starts with the second-tenor having just been swallowed by a crocodile. Why such contortions? All too clearly, the production's *raison d'être* is to the present yet another fantastic creation by Maurice Sendak. The success of the *Corsaro/Sendak Love for Three Oranges* at City Opera in 1982 must have inspired the creation of this new work. And lo, here was Mozart's *Goose*, which (at least in the revised libretto) could predict the future and lay gold instead of eggs.

Of course Sendak's *Goose* is huge and fantastic, though not entirely winning. Strangely, it lacks. In my part of the American farm belt, we always fancied that ducks quacked while geese honked. Moreover it suffers odd

convulsions that have no apparent motivation — except once, when the *Goose* lays Mozart. There he comes, from some office in the *Goose's* hind quarters, to finish writing the finale right there on-stage.

Then came a breath of fresh air, Oliver Knussen's wonderful *Wild Things*. The *Corsaro/Sendak* production is well-known and finely tuned by now (though one might be forgiven for wishing for a more imagination in the choreography), as is the work of Karen Beardsley in the lead role. Conductor Hal France, forced to take a "dramatic" hand in *L'oca*, was here left to his own devices, to good effect.

Interestingly, the libretto sold at the door contained *Wild Things* and Knussen's *Higgly Piggle Pop!* — not *L'oca*. To bring the story into conformity with the libretto, what's to become of Sendak's poor *Goose*? I say refrain it to hunk, cure it of those convulsions, and commission Knussen to provide a suitable swansong.

James R. Oestreich



Limbering up: Gabrielle Hamilton watches Anita Carey

Comic bite

THEATRE

Under the Web
Soho Poly

Julia Kearsley's latest report on the Bolton domestic scene persuades me that little has changed since I managed to extricate myself from it. Sharp eyes are still boring through net curtains. Love, expressed through insults, remains synonymous with ownership, and the merchants of guilt are doing a roaring trade. That is the web: Kearsley knows every strand of it, and chronicles the attempts of one of its victims to break loose.

Rose, her heroine, has walked out of a bad marriage and gone home to mother with her little boy. Her aim is to change herself into a superwoman by practising aerobics in the living room and taking over a health-food stall, but everything is against her. Her child will keep demanding attention. She gets nothing but criticism from her mother, who always preferred her son, and on being informed of this paragon's

death, suffers a stroke; even Rose's bosom friend Dorothy, severely recalls her to the duty of looking after her stricken parent.

Much to my amazed disappointment, Rose caves in and goes on to discover fulfilment in caring for the incontinent old lady who by now cannot even recognize her. At last she is needed. She is a tough, well-written character played with pugnacious appeal by Anita Carey; and the scenes with her mother have the same serio-comic bite that distinguished Kearsley's last Bolton piece, *Leaving Home*.

Gabrielle Hamilton plays the mother with a fine artistry in black looks and withering inflections. Rose and Dorothy (Maggie McCarthy) spend half the play nerving themselves to break the news of the son's death; and a big last-act surprise is deeply unconvincing. Otherwise Brian Stimer's production is a model of accurate observation, betrayed only by the author's decision to pull her characters into line.

Irving Wardle

Counsel callers

When Sue MacGregor questions people in her latest series, *Conversation Piece* (Radio 4) Thursdays, she does so with such courtesy and informed interest, nobody feels the least reservation. When Anthony Clare invites some big name to occupy his psychiatrist's chair, we begin to hear doubts about motive, exhibitionism and invasion of privacy. When Philip Hobsbawm sits down to his LBC phone-in four afternoons a week, the doubts and criticisms become more insistent.

Hobsbawm was driven to complain of a description of his programme in a recent *LE*.

RADIO

As an "an hour's emotional and sexual problem solving by an agony uncle". The implication is one of facile answers, but solving, he asserted, does not enter into it. I have never heard him so much as suggest that he could unravel a psychological tangle in a 10-minute chat.

What actually happens is that men and women of all ages and with every kind of hang-up, phone him in sufficient numbers to ensure that he is never without a call. Some are already tearful, others rapidly lose their carefully prepared composure. As they begin to ramble, he will identify their difficulty and they accept his diagnosis with recognition, not to say relief. Only rarely have I noticed him imposing one which didn't fit. He gets his share of chronic cases and deals with them patiently. With others, he provides a way of looking at problems in a realistic light, while for many, there are specific suggestions — seek marriage guidance, or a psychotherapist.

I think this is a rather impressive counselling service. If I was stretched upon some emotional rack and were without recourse, Philip Hobsbawm is by no means the last man I should approach. And there is the fundamental point. I am not without recourse, but callers to this programme plainly often are. We do not witness cases of a bizarre form of exhibitionism, but seekers of a refuge in a storm. In any case, Hobsbawm's approach discourages the exhibitionist: he is kindly, but firm. The conversations are always real, and although in theory they can be heard by a great part of the population of South-east England, in fact they generate a powerful sense of privacy. So in its own way does *Conversation Piece*, but "private" is the last word I would apply to any session of *In The Psychiatrist's Chair*.

Perhaps if Field Marshal Lord Montgomery were still alive, he would make a perfect subject for the next series of Dr Clare's programme and after hearing Frank Gill's two-part *Mosley — Portrait of a Soldier* (Radio 4, last two Wednesdays, repeated Saturdays), I believe we should find at the end of it many similarities with last summer's much noticed interview with Geoffrey Boycott. Gillard spent part one on the biography: how quickly we forget that the victor of El Alamein also bore responsibility for the disaster at Arnhem, but still this was a man of extraordinary military ability. Part two looked at the human being, and here the Boycott similarities began to show: an overweening self-assurance that was a blessing and a curse, and a lack of common human frailty, that was in fact a weakness in itself. Why not resurrect the great Viscount and maroon him with the great Yorkshireman on a desert island accompanied by nothing but a hidden television camera?

David Wade

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The new television commercial for Volkswagen features a woman whose affair is apparently over. Distracted, she posts her engagement ring back through her lover's letterbox, throws away a diamond brooch, abandons a fur coat — but keeps the key to her Golf GTI. The message is that whatever else happens in life, a girl can rely on her car.

Women have been used to advertise cars for many years and they are still to be found draped over the odd bonnet. At least these days they are also shown as car owners and drivers. The industry has woken up to the fact that women, as well as men, are potential customers — and not only customers. At Austin-Rover, for example, a growing number of women are employed as designers and engineers in a variety of departments responsible for all the components of a car — from the testing of seatbelts and vehicle electronics to designing its interior trim and hardware and evaluating its performance.

Nicola Kirkley, 23, joined Austin-Rover in September 1985 and now rejoices in the title of senior engineer in the Noise, Vibration and Harshness department, which means that she tests prototype vehicles to check noise and vibration levels. She was a mechanical engineering graduate from Bath University.

"My dad was an engineer and so was a lot of family friends," she says. "No one suggested to me that it wasn't a suitable job for a woman and in fact if you are a woman there are a lot of advantages. People are willing to help you more if you are polite, and if you are good at your job you are noticed more."

She is used to people misunder-

Women at the wheel

Women are moving up the ranks of Austin-Rover's designers and engineers. Lee Rodwell looks at a new driving force in the car industry

standing the nature of her work. "They usually think I am a mechanic and say it must be useful when my car breaks down. I have to explain that I don't actually repair cars."

"What I do is set up tape recorders to measure the interior noise and then go out in the car. Sometimes you have to pretend to drive like an idiot, revving like mad and doing daft things like that. Usually you just put a car in a particular gear and drive up through the rev range. Afterwards you have to analyse the results to see if there are any problems."

"You have to have an internal driving assessment to show that you are a decent driver because the cars we drive are fairly expensive pieces of machinery."

Although Austin-Rover cannot say what proportion of its staff is female, since monitoring of both ethnic origins and gender is only just being introduced after a successful pilot scheme at Drew's Lane plant, it says that its equal opportunities policy, set up in 1985, is producing results, particularly with regard to young people.

In the 16-year-old group, 19 per cent of job applications came from women and 28 per cent of those who joined the company were female.

Norman Haslam, personnel operations director, says: "Austin-Rover has very close links with universities and schools. During Industry Year '86 we produced a video *Do Put Your Daughter Into Industry*, Mrs Worthington. This shows women working in different areas of the company, from production lines to senior management levels, and has been widely used in schools and at career conventions throughout the country."

"We are interested in recruiting the best young designers and engineers, both male and female — we believe women have every bit as much to offer as men."

Elise McConachie, 28, is one of the most senior women on the engineering side at Austin-Rover. She studied

maths and physics at King's College, London, and had originally intended to go into medical physics. However, she decided that joining BL Technology (as it was in 1980) offered more scope to use her subjects. "And even though I had done science rather than an engineering degree it was possible to join their graduate training scheme to do engineering."

Elise now runs the technical support side for one of Austin-Rover's design departments, Trim and Hardware, responsible for designing all kinds of things from seats, facias, seat-belts and mirrors, to bumpers and spoilers. "Most of what I do involves computer analysis of how various components perform," she says. "I enjoy the problem-solving aspect of the job as the work is very varied. Personally I prefer the occupant safety side, where we use computers to predict what would happen in a crash."

All of the 14 women engineers and designers who gathered together for the picture above at the Birmingham plant were enthusiastic about their work. One of the perks, of course, is an attractive leasing deal on Austin-Rover cars. Elise has reached a level where she can lease two cars. She chose an MG Maestro and an MG Metro and says: "It is great driving round in new cars all the time."

She visits schools to encourage girls to consider jobs in the car industry. She feels it is often an uphill task. "Many people think of cars as being all engines. So they feel that if a girl is not interested in helping her father with the family car she won't be interested in a career that has anything to do with cars. But there is an awful lot more to working in the car industry than that. And I try to encourage young women to realize this."

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The case of the transplanted twin

A home movie taken 40 years ago, to be broadcast tonight, brought tragedy to two families and made medical history

As he sits in his house on the shore of Lake Geneva, the Swiss architect Philippe Joye recalls, with apparent detachment, how in a single day 40 years ago he lost one twin brother and gained another. "Just like you change the motor of a Volkswagen."

Yet the story is a case of mistaken identity as dramatic as any in Shakespeare — and its implications for medical science were to be far-reaching.

On June 5, 1947, Philippe, aged six, and the boy then thought to be his fraternal (non-identical) twin, Paul, were taken by their parents to the annual fête in their home town of Fribourg. Mme Joye asked her husband, for fun, to try out his new Kodak 8mm cine camera by filming a boy she referred to as "Philippe's little twin" — a boy in the same class as her two sons. M Joye had never seen the boy before, but the moment he looked through the camera at Ernst Watter and Philippe he realized that he was filming not one son, but two. He became convinced that there had been a terrible mistake: Ernst had been swapped at birth for Paul.

Lowering his camera, M Joye turned to Ernst's mother: "Was your son by any chance born during the night of July 4, 1941 at the Daler Hospital?"

"Why yes."

Joye stared at her: "What a coincidence, Madame."

The Joyes immediately started making inquiries at the hospital and discovered that the notes relating to their twins' birth had mysteriously disappeared. After weeks of heartsearching, they decided to start legal proceedings to establish the true parentage of the two boys. Mme Watter, a wealthy German-speaking widow, was horrified: she was convinced that Ernst was her true son. The Joyes, French-speaking Swiss, were determined to be reunited with "their" son.

The case came before a



The mistake that changed medical science: top, Philippe and Charles Joye, the real twins, after the exchange; above, Paul, the odd one out, who became Ernst Watter

The grafts between Philippe Joye and Ernst Watter were successful — the skin exchanged between Philippe and Paul wrinkled and fell off.

The judge ordered that Ernst and Paul should be returned to their real parents and on July 1, 1948, a formal exchange of the two seven-year-olds took place. Paul was despatched to Mme Watter, who called him Ernst, although she was never able to transfer her affections to this new son. Ernst Watter, who had been told he was going on a temporary visit, was renamed Charles Joye. Philippe still remembers his arrival: "He spoke only a little French and was much richer than I. Paul left our family the same day. He spoke only French and went into a family where the language was German. We did not see him again until he was 18 years old."

Today Philippe and Charles are extremely successful professional men. Ernst Watter, alias Paul Joye, became a postman and died of cancer last year aged 44.

But the Fribourg tragedy has far-reaching implications: McIndoe's paper on the case was later read by American surgeons interested in kidney transplantation during the 1950s. They wondered whether a kidney transplant between identical twins would work for the same reason.

They tried, and succeeded, and the era of lifesaving kidney transplants began.

Susan Spindler

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The film made by M Joye will be shown as part of The Gift of Life, BBC2 tonight, 8.10pm

No way to treat a hero

FIRST PERSON

Anita Bronson

Watching the coverage of the Kings Cross fire on the television news I recognised the faces of men I had met a few months earlier this summer when, while researching a drama series about the London Fire Brigade, I had spent two days and two nights with Green Watch at Euston Fire Station. Brian "Nobby" Clark was there talking to newsmen and Divisional Station Officer Shore, one of whose station officers, Colin Townley, was killed in the fire, was directing his men. Seeing them I was reminded of something that a fireman said to me then: "We burn too".

My short stay at Euston Fire Station gave me some insight into how we treat men like these when they are not the focus of the nation's press.

Euston is one of the busiest fire stations in London. In common with most it is old and the accommodation is very basic. Most London fire fighters spend their 42-hour watch in conditions that would cause a riot if suffered in the average prison. A visiting Chicago fireman was as dismayed as I was by the conditions and rates of pay. American fire fighters are

treated like royalty; we treat ours as though we were doing them a favour. A fully trained London fire fighter with four years' service receives £150 per week, way behind a police officer at the same level. He or she gets no rent or mortgage allowance and meals while on duty are not subsidised. A lot of criticism is levelled at fire fighters for moonlighting and participating in the black economy. The truth is they are not paid a decent living wage; their moonlighting actually subsidises our fire service.

Station Officer Townley was a vastly experienced and skilled man of 45 with a wife and two children. For the privilege of being prepared to lay down his life for us he would have collected the princely sum of about £850 a month.

Many firemen cannot afford to live in London (one Euston man lives in Reigate), so they may not sooner have arrived home than have to turn round and return for another watch. No facilities are provided for them to sleep or rest at the fire station when they are off

watch. If they do, they must pay £5.

The London Fire Brigade is criminally underfunded. Currently they are trying to make savings by, among other things, cutting down on the number of silver buttons on the uniforms. Soon, to add insult to injury, our fire fighters may be wearing uniforms held together with Velcro. And will they ever get decent modern helmets, they wonder, because these familiar yellow or white helmets are made simply of cork covered with plastic and offer no real protection for their heads.

Many of the appliances they ride are in poor shape. There is no requirement for a MOT certificate on brigade vehicles. Euston's emergency tender, which carries heavy cutting and lifting gear, and includes the chemical protection and gas tight suits worn in a variety of chemical incidents, is 14 years old and was in brigade workshops when I was there. Repairs were expected to take a month, yet Euston's

emergency tender is one of only six vehicles which serve the whole area covered by the London Fire Brigade: 620 square miles with a population of more than seven million.

On my second morning at Euston, Blue Watch returned at 10am from a 10-pump blaze that destroyed the Tricycle Theatre at Kilburn. They had left the fire station at 5.30am. They should have been off duty at nine but fire fighters don't clock-watch. In a 24-hour period there are on average 350 calls to the London Fire Brigade. Last Wednesday evening the Kings Cross fire was one of them. Many people lost their lives, but many more were saved by the London Fire Brigade.

There is a saying that you get what you pay for. We have a far, far better fire and rescue service in London than we pay for, but only because of the dedication, courage and resilience of the London fire fighters. During the war Churchill paid tribute to them when he called them heroes with grimy faces. Isn't it time we paid tribute to them by improving their pay and working conditions?

Other people's leavings

In London and New York and, for all I know in Peking and Reykjavik too, there exist women who will take over the half-completed jumper you have got bored of plain-and-purpling and return it to you as a made-up garment.

"Some people hate to finish," says Gwen Byrne, who runs just such a completion service in New York. And indeed they do; what's more this reluctance to carry on to the bitter end doesn't stop at knitting. Take Patricia Jackson, the 34-year-old nurse, who was described by a six-judge jury that gave her a six-month jail sentence last week, shortly after she had married her eighth husband, as an "habitual bigamist".

I take a more sympathetic view: I think she is a habitual lover of weddings but, once the last handful of confetti has been thrown, stands badly in

need of someone who will take over her marriage for her. And how understandable. Nothing that comes after measures up to that moment when you say "I do". Surely there are women who will take over from there — wash the socks and the dishes, bear the children and the brunt of the family Christmas. Probably the same women who don't mind putting a knitting needle to somebody else's half-finished jumper.

And while they are about it they could offer a parenting-completion service, too. I cannot be the only mother to have not been the only mother to have not dotted on two-year-olds but gone off them after that. What one needs is someone sensible in a station wagon and Jaeger

PENNY PERRICK

ities and are engaged to a person whose parents have a swimming-pool and a stable block.

There is also room in this world for a complementary service: one that will cater for needs of people who hate to start. It will deal mainly with the needs of career women who don't have the time or inclination to begin a full-scale emotional attachment during their working years but would like to take over someone congenial and distinguished to share the more relaxed autumn of their lives. You would just go to this company called

something like Follow-Up or Late Start and it would provide you with a delightfully house-trained widower.

It would also bake your cakes so that all you had to do was something creative with two kinds of icing: give your parties for you, while leaving you to savour the most exquisite moment entertaining has to offer — the moment when your last guest puts on his coat and melts away into the night.

It would put the undercoat on the walls, which is the boring bit; go and see well-regarded but tedious films for you and then tell you what to say about them, and even knit your sweaters, all except for the last little bit of ribbing on the cuffs. You do that so that when your pretty hand-knit is admired, you can say without a blush: "Thank you. I made it myself."

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THE 1987 SILVER £1

The reverse of this elegant coin, designed by silversmith Leslie

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TELEVISION AND RADIO

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BBC1

- 6.00 **Cee-fax** AM, News headlines, weather, travel and sports bulletins.
- 6.30 **Edgar Kennedy** In Duck Soup (b/w). 6.55 **Weather**.
- 7.00 **Breakfast Time** with Frank Bough, Sally Magnusson and Jeremy Paxman. Includes national and international news at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 regional news and travel reports at 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15.
- 8.40 **Open Air**, Samon Holmes receives viewers' comments on the weekend's television offerings. 8.55 **Regional news** and weather.
- 9.00 **News** and weather followed by **Neighbours** (r). 9.30 **Kilroy**, Robert Kilroy-Silk chairs a discussion on easily obtainable credit.
- 9.40 **News** and weather followed by **The Flintstones** (r). 10.25 **Children's BBC**, Andy Crane with programme news and birthday greetings followed by **Play School**, presented by Ben Thomas with guest, Janet Palmer, and **Play's House** (r).
- 10.55 **Five to Eleven**, a new series for the day from Barry Foster. 11.00 **News** and weather followed by **Open Air** presented by Patie Caldwell and Samon Holmes.
- 11.10 **News** and weather followed by **Daytime Live**. The guests include Gloria Gynor, Engelbert Humperdinck and his advice slot, Rabbi Lionel Blue. Plus, an item on fashion for larger ladies. 12.55 **Regional news** and weather.
- 1.00 **One O'Clock News** with Michael Buerk. Weather. 1.30 **Neighbours**. Zee confides in Andrea - with disastrous results. 1.50 **Going for Gold**, European general knowledge quiz presented by Henry Kelly.
- 2.15 **Inside**, a private detective friend of the Chief's is shot dead and the only witness is a blind young woman (r). 3.00 **Hudson and Hills**, Comedy cooking

BBC2

- 9.00 **Cee-fax** 9.15 **Daytime** on Two: using maths at work 9.30 **Economics**, subsidies. 10.00 **For four** - and five-year olds. 10.15 **Music**, grouping beats. 10.40 **Thinkabout** 11.00 **The story of a New Forest farm** dear 11.30 **The final episode of the drama**, **Buddy** 11.45 **Food and beliefs** 12.00 **The final years of the Second World War** 12.30 **Religious activities** 1.00 **Recycling** 1.30 **For the very young** 1.50 **The toy industry** 2.00 **News** and weather followed by a story for the young.
- 2.15 **Songs of Praise** from Cambridge, Cornwall (r). (Cee-fax).
- 2.50 **International**, **Shogun**, a new series. A vine introduces coverage of fifth round matches in the Tennents UK Championship. The commentators at the Guild Hall, Preston, are Ted Lowe, Jack Cameron and Oliver Jones.
- 4.00 **Buzzar**, Judi Soria introduces another selection of money and money-making ideas.
- 4.30 **Noticboard**.
- 4.35 **Poker**, Episode five of the 16-part drama series (r) of the Lombard RAC Rally. Ends at 12.10.
- 6.00 **Five Invaders** from Mars (1953) starring Helena Carter, Arthur Franz and Jimmy Hunt. People investigating the site of a Martian landing return under the influence of the men from another planet. Directed by William Cameron Menzies.
- 7.30 **Rally Report**, Day two of the Lombard RAC Rally.
- 7.35 **Open Space**, **Paradise Lines**, Two young people, Mark Adair and Nuala Sheehan, tell us their own version of what it is like living on their side of sharply defined Northern Ireland.
- 8.05 **The Courage to Face**, A Gift of Life. (Cee-fax) (see Choice).
- 9.00 **Film: Starman** (1984), b/w starring Woody Allen and Charlotte Rampling. The comedy memoirs of a successful film director recalled at a festival of his work held in upstate New York. Directed by Woody Allen. (Cee-fax).
- 10.25 **Newsnight** 11.10 **Weather**.
- 11.15 **Teletext** presented by Chantal Cui.
- 11.40 **Rally Report**, Highlights of today's stage of the Lombard RAC Rally. Ends at 12.10.

ITV/LONDON

- 6.00 **TV-am** introduced by Heather Scott and Richard Keys. News at 6.00 and 6.30. Financial news at 6.35; sport at 6.40; and exercises at 6.55.
- 7.00 **Good Morning Britain** presented by Anne Diamond and Richard Keys. News at 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; cartoon at 7.25; sport at 7.40; and pop music at 7.55. Plus, Jimmy Greaves' television highlights. After Nine includes sound therapy discussed by Dr Peter Guy Manning.
- 9.25 **Thames news headlines**.
- 9.30 **Runway**, Travel quiz presented by Chris Sear. 10.00 **Santa Barbara** 10.25 **The Time... The Place...**, Mike Scott chairs a studio discussion on a topical subject.
- 11.10 **Let's Pretend** to the tale of **The Scrapman** 11.25 **Thames news headlines** 11.30 **Stephanie**, The last in the series on stepfamily life. 12.00 **The Young Doctors**, A dramatic serial about an Australian family during the 1940s.
- 12.30 **News** with Julia Somerville.
- 1.00 **Film: Melody** (1971) starring Jack Wild and Mark Lester as two schoolmates whose friendship is threatened when one of them is attracted to a pretty classmate. Directed by Waris Hussein.
- 3.00 **Single in London**, How three disparate males survive in London. 3.25 **Thames news headlines** 3.30 **The Young Doctors**, Medical drama serial set in a large Australian city hospital.
- 4.00 **Tickle on the Tum**, Village tales for children (r). 4.10 **The Television**, **Duck Tales** 4.45 **The Gemini Factor**, Drama serial for the young.
- 5.15 **Blockbusters**, General knowledge game for teenagers, presented in the Tennents UK Championship introduced by David Vine.
- 6.25 **Help**, Black foster-parents talk about their role and usefulness.
- 6.35 **Crossroads**.
- 7.00 **The Krypton Factor**, The Third Topical Final features competitors from Sheffield, Edinburgh, Oldham and Manchester. (Oracle).
- 7.30 **Coronation Street**, Will Hilda survive? (Oracle).
- 8.00 **Name That Tune**, Musical quiz presented by Lionel Blair.
- 8.30 **World in Action: The Black Mist**, A documentary report from Tokyo about Japan's criminal mafia, the "Yakuza", who have grown from a band of roaming samurai into a highly sophisticated group of financial managers. Based in the red light districts they now control the sex and drugs trade of the Pacific and have infiltrated the weaknesses of Japanese businessmen to strengthen their grip on financial institutions. A British expert on them, Dr Barry Rider, warns that they are active in the City of London.
- 9.00 **The Bill**, Among the cases the boys of Sun Hill Police Station grapple with this week is a naked robber of service station tills. Starring Eric Richard and Simon Slater.
- 10.00 **News** at six and weather followed by **Thames news headlines**.
- 10.30 **Cockney Darts Classic**, This year's champion and the four previous champions take on Eric Bristow in a £1000 challenge.
- 11.30 **Beginners Please**, Carl Davis conducts a concert for the young at the Royal Festival Hall.
- 12.00 **News** at five and weather followed by **Thames news headlines**.
- 1.00 **Sportsworld Extra**, International ice skating from Calgary and European football news.
- 2.30 **News headlines** followed by **Ted**, American comedy series, starring Barbara Stanwyck. Drama.
- 3.00 **Film: Stella Dallas** (1937), b/w starring Barbara Stanwyck. Drama. Over the hills and into the valley. Directed by King Vidor.
- 5.00 **ITN World News** 5.30 **CNN** Headline News. Ends at 6.00.

CHANNEL 4

- 6.30 **Education Extra** includes an edition of the new Education Bill.
- 7.00 **Channel 4 News**.
- 8.00 **Comment** followed by **Weather**.
- 8.30 **Harry** enjoys his position of responsibility at the Commonwealth and Empire Club; Billy is shattered by Doreen's departure; and Sheila and Bobby receive a letter from the police.
- 9.30 **Never Say Die**, Part two of the comedy serial starring Charlie Chamberlain, John English and Irene Handl.
- 10.00 **Bill Street Blues**, LaRue becomes obsessed with finding out who viciously stabbed a colleague; and Hunter is double-crossed by his girlfriend. (Oracle).
- 11.00 **The Eleventh Hour**, The People's Flag. The final part of the series tracing the history of the Labour movement in Britain. (Oracle).
- 12.05 **Their Lordships' House**, Ends at 12.20.
- 6.30 **Schools**.
- 12.00 **Business Daily**, Business and financial news service presented by Susannah Simons.
- 12.30 **Just 4 Fun**, For the young.
- 1.00 **Open Exchange**, Weekly magazine programme for those involved in the Open Exchange. Presented by Eve Pollard, Lambert Spencer and James Whaley.
- 2.00 **The Late Late Show**, Dublin's late night chat and music show.
- 3.00 **Over Here**, A documentary about some of the traditions brought over to the United Kingdom by the some million of Irish people who live here permanently.
- 4.00 **Music on 4**, Mavis Nicholson talks to two midwives from different generations - Esther Silvester and Kate Isherwood.
- 4.30 **Countdown**, Another round of the words in number game.
- 5.00 **The Munsters** (b/w), Comedy series about a ghoulish family.
- 5.30 **The Beverly Hillsbillies** (b/w), Vintage American comedy series.
- 6.00 **Noticboard**.
- 6.30 **Practical leisure activities** presented by Alison Brierley and Mark Page (r).

The real king of hearts

TELEVISION CHOICE

Continuing the history of modern surgery, **The Right to Fail** (BBC2, 8.05pm) turns to transplants. The merit of the series has been its ability to make comprehensible, and often exciting, advances in knowledge which could easily have become buried in medical jargon. This episode maintains the standard. The transplant saga starts with attempts to graft skin. To begin with, these were successful only if the skin came from the patient's own body. Then it was discovered that transplants could work if the donor was an identical twin, which was of little comfort to patients who happened not to be identical twins. The real breakthrough came in the early 1960s, and surgeons were talking not just about transplanting skin but kidneys, livers, lungs and hearts. The kings of surgery were the heart specialists and they mostly reigned in the United States. One of them, Dr Adrian Kantrowitz, was all set



Christian Barnard with the X-ray of the first man to be given a new heart: The Courage to Fail, BBC2, 8.05pm

to perform the world's first heart transplant when he heard from his daughter that some fellow in South Africa had beaten him to it. Coming on top of the humiliation of Vietnam, Dr Christian Barnard was a blow to national pride the United States could have done without. Barnard, completely unknown up to that time, was suddenly a world case of them, and heart transplants became a media

Peter Waymark

Radio 1

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WORLD SERVICE

All times are given in GMT. 6.00 **World Service** 7.00 **News** 7.00 **World Service** 7.30 **Tailie**, Mr Sam 8.00 **News** 8.05 **Religious** 8.15 **Base** of 8.30 **News** 8.35 **Anytime**, **Good** 9.00 **News** 9.05 **Review of British Press** 9.15 **Good Books** 9.30 **French** 9.35 **Round** 9.45 **Peoples** 10.00 **News** 10.05 **Film** of the Book 10.30 **Choice** 10.35 **News** 10.40 **News** 10.45 **News** 10.50 **News** 10.55 **News** 11.00 **News** 11.05 **News** 11.10 **News** 11.15 **News** 11.20 **News** 11.25 **News** 11.30 **News** 11.35 **News** 11.40 **News** 11.45 **News** 11.50 **News** 11.55 **News** 12.00 **News** 12.05 **News** 12.10 **News** 12.15 **News** 12.20 **News** 12.25 **News** 12.30 **News** 12.35 **News** 12.40 **News** 12.45 **News** 12.50 **News** 12.55 **News** 1.00 **News** 1.05 **News** 1.10 **News** 1.15 **News** 1.20 **News** 1.25 **News** 1.30 **News** 1.35 **News** 1.40 **News** 1.45 **News** 1.50 **News** 1.55 **News** 2.00 **News** 2.05 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Owen in pledge to fight alliance

By Robin Oakley
Political Editor

Dr David Owen yesterday put three-party politics at risk by saying that his splinter group of the SDP was prepared to fight seats against any merged alliance party.

If the merged party refused his offer of an electoral pact and put up candidates against his group's nominees, he was prepared to fight them on their own ground.

Senior SDP sources said last night that there was no prospect of any deal going beyond the three Parliamentary seats occupied by Dr Owen, Mr John Cartwright and Mrs Rosie Barnes.

Many of the 17 Liberal MPs hold their seats by majorities of fewer than 5,000 and intervention by Owenite candidates could destroy their chances.

In local government the Alliance could lose its control or share of power in a number of councils next May if Owenite candidates stand against those representing what is then likely to be the merged Liberal/SDP party.

In an interview on London Weekend Television's *Weekend World* yesterday, the former SDP leader emphasized that he was looking for an electoral pact. He added, however: "If they want a fight, I'm prepared to fight for social democracy."

Dr Owen insisted that if a local government or Parliamentary by-election came up in a seat in which an SDP candidate had done well and who had stayed with the Owenite group, then: "We'd have to fight such a seat."

"They (the merged party) would probably be bound given their rhetoric to come in and fight us and then in that particular by-election or constituency the electorate will decide."

He added: "There is a trial of strength. If public opinion wants the SDP to exist it will exist."

Senior SDP figures believe that Dr Owen's motives are now plain. They believe that he is trying to revive the calls at the Portsmouth conference for the so-called "amicable divorce".

They believe he wishes to represent those who join the merger as the splinter group, though they will be the majority of the SDP, and to present his group as the true heirs of the SDP tradition.

With the merger talks proceeding successfully, SDP leaders believe that Dr Owen and his associates will simply not be able to build the organization to fight many seats.

However, the Campaign for Social Democracy, the party within a party coalescing around Dr Owen and operating from a separate address, announced today that it has more than 10,000 members.

Mr Cartwright said yesterday that this demonstrated the viability of a continuing Social Democratic Party.

Enniskillen mourns bomb victims



Mrs Thatcher laying her wreath at the Enniskillen cenotaph yesterday. On the left is the boarded-up site of the hall where the IRA bomb exploded (Photographs: Bishop).

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The salute was taken by Lord Erne, Lord Lieutenant of Fermanagh.

On its way the procession passed the pharmacy of Mr James Mullan, the son of William and Jessie Mullan, pensioners killed in the bomb atrocity.

It also passed the Presbyterian Church where six of the victims of the IRA blast had been members of the congregation.

Among those in the crowded cathedral were Lord Moyola, formerly Mr James Chichester-Clark, a Prime Minister of Northern Ireland in the old Stormont Parliament, and Lord Fitt, a founder and first leader of the Social Democratic and Labour Party.

Relatives and friends of the

dead were seated in the upper gallery. Among them was Mr Gordon Wilson, the father of Marie, the 20-year-old nurse, whose last words evoked a worldwide response.

In his sermon Dr Eames dealt with the theme of peace-making and he spoke of the outstanding example shown by the people of Enniskillen.

"Because of that tragedy and because of those circumstances there can have been few Remembrance services more significant, more an occasion for memory and more full of personal meaning than this."

"There have been few Remembrance services when people have been as conscious of the need to rededicate themselves to the cause of peace", he said.

many people had asked whether Enniskillen would be a turning point.

"Time alone will tell", the archbishop said. "Churchmen, the Government, politicians, community leaders, ordinary people young and old cannot live on as though Enniskillen did not happen. Enniskillen must be an important part in the process of peace."

A man was yesterday being questioned by police at Castlebar about the gun attack on the Ulster "loyalist".

Mr George Seawright, last Thursday.

A republican rally in Manchester passed off without incident yesterday when a 300-strong demonstration replaced the annual Manchester Martyrs March which was banned.

Escalator caught fire twice before

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saw white smoke dispersing in front of us. There was a smell of rubber and my friend could feel the heat through his shoes and from the handrail."

The second fire on Wednesday November 11 was spotted by a fire prevention expert on his way to work on a new London office block.

Last night, a spokesman for the London Underground urged people who had seen previous fires or had information about last Wednesday's

tragedy to contact the British Transport police.

Doctors said last night that one of nine King's Cross casualties in hospital is still fighting for his life. The others are making good progress after undergoing treatment for severe burns.

Yesterday the mother of one of them spoke of her distress at seeing the burns. Mrs Erica Brody, aged 42, from Livingston, Scotland, said of her son, Daemnon, aged 20: "I burst into tears when I saw his face. His

features are terribly disfigured. I couldn't believe it. He was such a good-looking lad."

The most seriously hurt victim is a middle-aged man, whose condition doctors describe as "very serious and still giving cause for concern". His name has not been released formally.

He is one of three being treated in the intensive care unit at University College Hospital, London. Two others are Miss Mariella Santello, aged 21, and Mr Ron Lipsius,

a musician. Both are said to be "serious, but stable."

Others described as "stable" are Mr Richard Bates, aged 35, from Crouch End, north London; Mr Stephen Hanson, aged 32, a British Transport Police officer from Bletchley, Buckinghamshire, and Miss Rosalind Leach, aged 28, a secretary, from St Albans, Hertfordshire.

The other two victims are Kwasi Maiteke, aged 30, said to be "stable", and Mr Vincent Kelly, aged 32, described as "quite good".

Spirits lifted on EEC summit

From Susan MacDonald
Paris

Mrs Thatcher flew straight from Enniskillen to Paris last night for a meeting with the French Prime Minister, M Jacques Chirac, which lasted nearly an hour longer than the scheduled hour and a half.

Both Prime Ministers looked particularly relaxed and happy as they underlined the need for Britain and France to work even closer together as they are inevitably drawn together over the next few years by the Channel Tunnel, scheduled for 1993, and a European community without frontiers, due to be introduced the year before.

The central part of their discussions were on the chances of an EEC farm policy agreement being reached at the European summit meeting in two weeks time.

Both Mrs Thatcher and M Chirac underlined a common willingness to try for a reasonable agreement, while admitting that technical difficulties still existed. Mrs Thatcher said she agreed that they had disagreed over what M Chirac detailed as budgetary problems and taxes on fats and oils, but she said that much depended on the Agricultural Ministers meeting next week.

She said: "Firstly, we must stop the build-up of increasing surpluses with a system of effective and workable stabilizers, and then we must deal with the reduction of existing surpluses. We must get it right this time - it is a question of political will."

Cubans on rampage in US jail

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the 1,050 prisoners at the jail are not Cuban refugees. All 28 hostages are guards or other staff. The injured included six prisoners.

Police said the inmates apparently did not have firearms. A two-storey administration building, a cafeteria, a chapel and an Immigration Service office were set ablaze, but the fires were later put out.

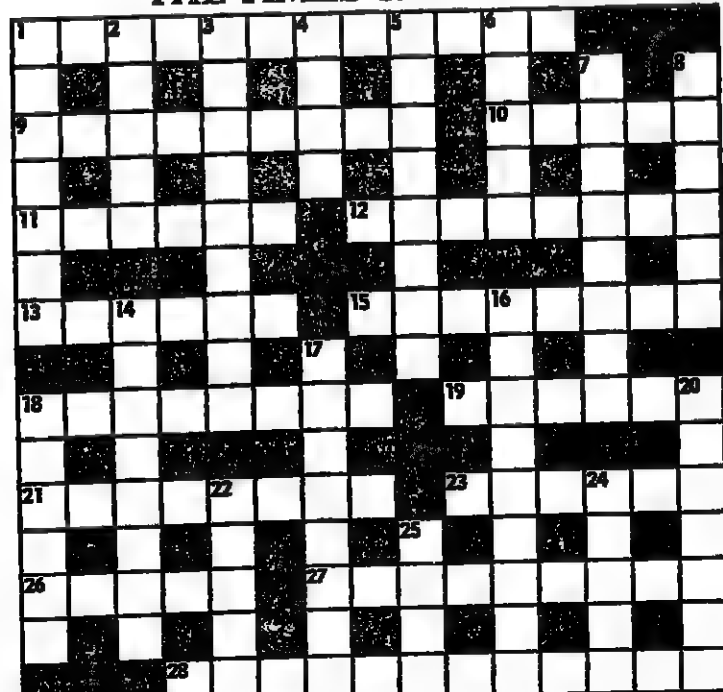
Representative Clyde Holloway of Louisiana talked with the prisoners in the 48-acre facility and said they were demanding assurances from Washington that they would not be deported.

A prisoner identifying himself as Roberto Chancines told reporters that they would free hostages if an official was sent from Washington to talk to them. The prisoners were armed with truncheons and tear gas taken from guards. There were no reports of firearms being used. Police yesterday sealed off the Oakdale prison and negotiated with the inmates. They were reported to be demanding assurances from Washington that they would not be sent back.



Among the mourners, Mr Gordon Wilson, whose 20-year-old daughter Marie was killed in the explosion.

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- ACROSS**
- Dog run to earth in modern estate (12)
 - Woeful issue produced at this time (9)
 - Desolate as John's birthplace? (5)
 - Sitting like some in search of adventure (6)
 - Members of this race find progress difficult (8)
 - Coin does perhaps include copper (6)
 - Periodical direction about the post (8)
 - Applause not everyone finds generous (8)
 - Wine and music, with bill to follow (6)
 - Growing attractive (8)
 - Carefree spirit of a state that's extremely trendy (6)
 - A supporter of work bringing comfort to many (5)
 - Keep out a wicked Scotsman, one from an island (9)
 - Race to liberate these eastern places (12)

- DOWN**
- In the middle of which we're remote from civilization? (7)
 - One bird upset about another (5)
 - Novel ideas once for identifying nymphs (9)
 - Not, say, a rising party in the Newcastle area? (4)
 - Plan to take in Jack, a habitual loafer (8)
 - By which Arnold's ignorant arper (5)
 - Look for suppliers of lights? (8)
 - Broadcast revealing way we rise in the navy (6)
 - The philosophy of a tubby man (8)
 - Coach carrying native of Dubai in accident out east? (9)
 - Key people with the capacity for being responsive (8)
 - Language cut includes English lines (6)
 - Two characters said to be hot stuff (7)
 - Fine starts to many unusually lucrative commercial transactions (5)
 - Girl's claim to be leaving the States (5)
 - Examination of the ear, it's said (4)

WORD-WATCHING

A daily safari through the language jungle. Which of the possible definitions is correct?

By Philip Howard

- MOLYSCOPEPHOBIA**
a. Fear of moles
b. Fear of dirt
c. Fear of public speaking
- DHAENA**
a. A female gurn
b. A kind of pagoda
c. Debt collection
- DIGRAPI**
a. A sound represented by two letters
b. A lightning
c. A ligature
- MITHRIDATISM**
a. Immunity to poison
b. Love of a first cousin
c. School of ancient history
- YATAGHAN**
a. A veil worn by Moslem women
b. A bare bodkin
c. A bar-tailed godwit
- Solutions: page 22, column 8

The solution of Saturday's Prize Puzzle No 17,250 will appear next Saturday

WEATHER

Most of the country will have sunny intervals and showers. The best of the sunshine is likely to be in areas sheltered from the northerly wind. A rather cold day, with a touch of frost and icy patches here and there. Northerly gales in some exposed places in the west and north. Outlook for tomorrow and Wednesday: Staying rather cold and unsettled

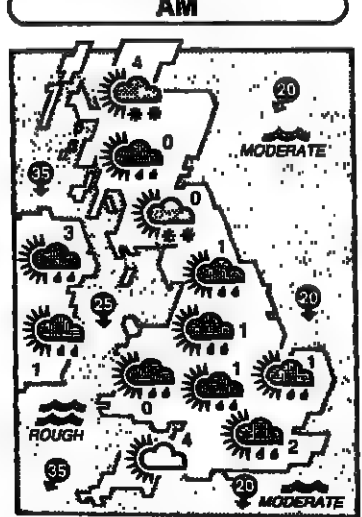
ABROAD

MONDAY: c. cloud; d. drizzle; f. fair; fog; h. high; m. mist; s. sun; sh. shower; t. thunder.

Place	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Algeria	16-21	SE 10	partly
Alexandria	16-21	SE 10	partly
Athens	14-19	SE 10	partly
Batavia	22-28	SE 10	partly
Bombay	22-28	SE 10	partly
Buenos Aires	12-18	SE 10	partly
Cairo	16-21	SE 10	partly
Cebu	22-28	SE 10	partly
Colon	22-28	SE 10	partly
Hong Kong	22-28	SE 10	partly
London	12-18	SE 10	partly
Lyons	12-18	SE 10	partly
Madrid	12-18	SE 10	partly
Manila	22-28	SE 10	partly
Medan	22-28	SE 10	partly
Moscow	12-18	SE 10	partly
Paris	12-18	SE 10	partly
Peking	12-18	SE 10	partly
Rangoon	22-28	SE 10	partly
San Francisco	12-18	SE 10	partly
Singapore	22-28	SE 10	partly
Sourabaya	22-28	SE 10	partly
Tokyo	12-18	SE 10	partly
Yokohama	12-18	SE 10	partly

AROUND BRITAIN

Place	Temp	Wind	Cloud
Cardiff	12-18	SE 10	partly
Edinburgh	12-18	SE 10	partly
London	12-18	SE 10	partly
Manchester	12-18	SE 10	partly
Newcastle	12-18	SE 10	partly
Nottingham	12-18	SE 10	partly
Sheffield	12-18	SE 10	partly
Southampton	12-18	SE 10	partly
Stirling	12-18	SE 10	partly
Wolverhampton	12-18	SE 10	partly



LONDON

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 10C (50F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F); humidity, 6 pm, 61 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.13 in (Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.1 in). Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1021.1 millibars, falling.

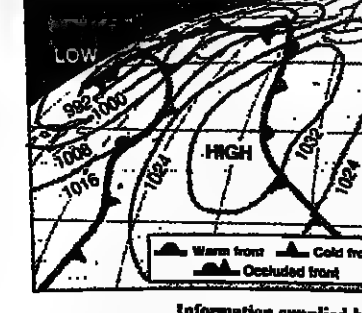
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HIGHEST & LOWEST

Saturday: Highest day temp: Western super Mare, 12C (54F); lowest day temp: Western (Suffolk), 7C (45F); highest rainfall: Fair Isle, 0.75 in; highest sunshine: Worthing, 1021.1 millibars, falling.

NOON TODAY



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Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET
(Change on week)

FT 30 Share
1285.7 (-31.4)

FT-SE 100
1633.4 (-44.9)

Bargains
28924 (42229)

USM (Datastream)
131.79 (-7.2)

THE POUND
(Change on week)

US dollar
1.7795 (+0.0090)

W German mark
2.9887 (+0.0019)

Trade-weighted
75.7 (+0.4)

US NOTEBOOK

Deficit accord fails to deliver

From Maxwell Newton
New York

The Washington mountain has laboured for a month and produced a mouse. The so-called deficit "reduction" announced by President Reagan on Friday night is as full of holes as a Swiss cheese; it will not produce a decline in the fiscal 1988 budget deficit.

As far as fiscal 1989 is concerned, that will be deeply affected by the next year's presidential election, and the package achieved after so much effort thus leaves the issue of the dollar and the US balance of payments crisis unaltered.

While unprecedented political paralysis in Washington has the financial markets on the edge of their seats, there are some signs that US economic growth may be waning.

Housing starts in October fell to the lowest level since April 1983. There is much anecdotal information indicating market consumer reluctance to spend in the shops. And even before the Washington politicians were at last shamed into trying to make good on Mr Reagan's Louvre promises of a cut in the budget deficit, there had been a sharp decline in the growth of federal outlays.

The reason for the decline of indecision in Washington is that neither side can see any substantial political advantage from reaching the solution longed for by the financial markets, foreign finance ministries and central banks.

If the Democrats agreed to big spending cuts, they would be undermining their 1988 election campaign. If the Republicans agreed to substantial tax increases, they would be admitting Reaganomics was a sham and eventually led to the painful and grim conclusion that supply-side economics would never work in practice.

The implementation of the Gramm-Rudman \$23 billion (£12.9 billion) or even \$30 billion of cuts in the 1988 fiscal budget is unlikely to produce any cut in the 1988 budget deficit. While the growth of outlays is falling, revenue growth is expected to fall even more sharply, due to the prospective slowdown of economic growth and the absence of fiscal 1987's once-for-all boost to revenues from the implementation of the 1986 tax increases.

While the dollar is almost certainly undervalued on a medium-term comparative-cost basis, the pressure on the currency — and hence on the global financial system — will not diminish until there is a clear and decisive downturn in US economic growth. Some special factors may help temporarily, such as the developing weakness of the world oil market and growing evidence of high US oil inventories.

To most Americans, including those in Congress and the Administration, the violent lurch into debtor status by the US is entirely new and most strange. It has yet to have an impact on attitudes provoked by 200 years of seemingly inevitable growth of wealth and power.

In the first nine months of this year, the US trade deficit, after two years of massive dollar devaluation, was \$128.17 billion, compared with \$123.45 billion for the same period in 1986. About three-quarters of this was financed by foreign central banks, which have clearly given up.

None of this merits attention, even in the supposedly sophisticated New York and Washington media — or even, truth to tell, among American academic economists.

And so the drift continues.

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Companies in buoyant mood

Share fall will not hit investment, says CBI

By Edward Townsend, Industrial Correspondent

British manufacturing companies' investment plans have been untouched by the stock market crashes around the world, and are at their most buoyant for a decade.

The Confederation of British Industry today releases details of a survey of investment intentions after the collapse in share prices, which found that 49 per cent of companies expect to spend more on plant and machinery in the coming year than in the past 12 months.

Only 20 per cent of firms said they expected to spend less, and the positive "balance" of 29 per cent — the difference between the two figures — is the highest since April 1977. Almost a third said their investments would remain unchanged.

The survey accompanied the results of the CBI's monthly trends inquiry of manufacturing industry, which shows continued optimism about shorter-term business prospects, and the latest forecasts for the coming year from CBI economists. These suggest that the previously forecast slowdown in consumer spending next year could be greater as a result of the stock market crash.

The investment survey, covering 753 companies, shows that 23 per cent would be spending more on buildings in the coming 12 months, while 30 per cent said they would be spending less.

Eighty-three per cent said the chief reason for investing

in buildings was to increase efficiency, with 48 per cent saying they wanted to increase capacity. However, 13 per cent of companies said their capacity was adequate to cope with the level of business expected in the next year, against 25 per cent in October.

Greater uncertainty about demand since Black Monday has led to a rise in the proportion of companies citing this as a reason for limiting capital spending, from 33 per cent in October to 43 per cent.

Mr David Wigglesworth,

CBI optimistic

chairman of the CBI's economic situation committee, said: "Manufacturing output has been growing strongly throughout the year and is expected to grow in 1988. The current fall in equity values and the decline in the value of the dollar need only have a limited adverse effect on our economy and industry, both of which are currently stronger than for many years."

"British industry is in good shape and providing that we do not talk our way into difficulties, it is well placed to ride out the upheavals on the financial markets," he added.

The trends survey, covering 1,307 companies accounting for half of manufacturing employment and exports, shows that 30 per cent are enjoying above-normal order books, and the balance between those reporting a rise against those reporting a de-

cline is 13 per cent, again the highest since 1977.

On the export front, orders have returned to the high levels of midsummer, with 29 per cent of respondents reporting above-normal business.

Meanwhile, the London stock market crash is said to have cut personal wealth by £40 billion through direct losses in value of shares and unit trusts held by individuals. But this is likely to have only a small effect on consumer spending, cutting domestic demand by no more than 0.25 per cent over the next 12 months, James Capel, the broker, predicts this morning.

● Currency dealers are watching anxiously for the release of the trade figures for October tomorrow, as a guide to whether recent cuts in interest rates can be sustained or even taken further at a time when credit and the money supply are still growing fast.

City forecasts range from a deficit of £230 million (James Capel) to one of £450 million (Greenwell Montagu), with an average nearer £300 million.

Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, predicted a trade deficit of £2.5 billion for the year as a whole in his Autumn Statement, implying the worst figures ever for the fourth quarter, with an average monthly deficit of £570 million. But, given much lower market estimates, such a figure would be greeted with dismay on the foreign exchange markets.

US 'threat' to Europe

By Graham Searjeant, Financial Editor

Europe could suffer more than the US from recession in the world economy, if the US allows the dollar to fall still further to make it "super competitive" as it introduces its package to cut the budget deficit, Professor Alan Budd and Mr Geoffrey Dix of the London Business School predict in their November *Economic Outlook*.

"The US is attempting to export recession and, with German policymakers more concerned with the fight against inflation, it appears likely that, in the short run at

least, the US policy will pay off," they suggest.

The LBS takes a gloomier view of 1988 prospects for industrial economies than the Treasury, which has forecast a cut in growth from 3.5 per cent to 2 per cent. The LBS has cut its forecast of the growth in world trade in manufactures from 4.7 per cent a month ago to only 3.3 per cent, after the crash on world stock markets and the dollar's further fall.

The British economy might now grow by only 2.2 per cent in 1988, compared with the 2.7 per cent forecast by Mr

Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, in his Autumn Statement. James Capel, the broker, has also cut its forecast of world trade growth to 3.1 per cent.

In a new study of European economies made before the market crash, the US Brookings Institution says high unemployment has become self-sustaining in Western Europe, and will continue unless West Germany and others take measures to remove regulatory barriers to labour mobility and at the same time stimulate growth by fiscal expansion.

Bell Resources credit blow

By Cliff Feltham

The credit rating of one of Mr Robert Holmes a Court's leading companies has been downgraded in a further blow to the fortunes of the beleaguered Australian entrepreneur.

Bell Resources — which owns a 30 per cent stake in BHP, Australia's largest company — has been downgraded from "A plus" to "single B."

Mr Duncan Andrews, chairman of Australian Ratings, the country's leading credit rating agency, said yesterday: "Bell Resources has a negative cash flow. It has an adequate capital base at the present time but it has some work to do to get out of the problem in terms of the key assets of BHP and



Holmes a Court: setback
Texaco and who is going to buy them."

Last week the agency downgraded Bell Group — Mr Holmes a Court's master company — to a "triple C."

The rating review estimates that the market value of Bell Resources' investments has fallen to a level that is £180 million below cost.

Mr Andrews, speaking on *The Business Programme* of Channel 4 television, said: "The problem lies with the corporate structure and it starts with Mr Holmes a Court himself who has borrowed funds through his family company to buy shares in Bell Group."

"Bell Group has borrowed funds to buy shares in other companies, including Bell Resources, and Bell Resources has borrowed funds. The complexity of that structure is making it, I would imagine, a banker's nightmare now."

USM REVIEW

RMG calm on recession fears

By Michael Clark

The threat of recession holds few fears for Mr Martin Abramson, chairman of Ronald Martin Groome, the office equipment and gifts supplier — and that was the message he gave to fund managers and stockbrokers at a presentation in the City last week.

Mr Abramson has experience of recession. He and his wife Karen founded Ronald Martin Groome in 1972, and the company thrived during the dark days of the three-day week in 1974. After resigning from Sandhurst Marketing, he bought a stationery shop and quickly built up a long list of commercial and industrial customers. The business soon took off.

"Ronald Martin grew in time of recession, selling cheap-to-middle-range office equipment," says Mr Abramson proudly. He now claims the company is virtually recession-proof. "We prefer it when times are hard. We are good buyers," he adds.

RMG joined the USM two years ago after a placing of shares by Panmure Gordon at 90p each, valuing the company at £6.8 million. The shares hit a peak of 258p before the stock market crash and closed on Friday at 178p.

The group has since made several acquisitions, and this year its RMS International software subsidiary negotiated an exclusive deal to merchandise a range of gifts using the name of Platinum, the pen-maker. Pretax profits

last year surged from £900,000 to £1.5 million, and the group is on target for £2.1 million in the present year.

The group, established in the North and Midlands, recently moved into the West Country and is now looking to take on the lucrative London and South-east markets. It intends to test the market-place by publishing a "first-line buyers' guide," concentrating on its fastest-moving lines of stock.

It has targeted a number of potential private companies in and around London, but reckons the full effects of the stock market crash will take another

USM Prices

month or two to filter through. Mr Abramson says private companies must soon realize they are not worth what they were a few weeks ago.

The group is also strengthening its management. Fund managers attending last week's meeting were introduced to Mr Colin Wardale, the group's new finance director. Three other executive appointments have also been made.

Trading starts later this week in shares of Trevian Holdings, the Mayfair-based commercial property developer, after a placing of 1 million shares, or 10.8 per cent of the issued share capital, at 70p a share. The group is raising £550,000 from the placing.

Trevian was founded in 1963 and

Flying high with 10 years of Concorde



Concorde captain Brian Walpole (left), Lord Brabazon (centre), Under-Secretary of State for Transport, and Lord King, the British Airways chairman, celebrating 10 years of Concorde yesterday. Concorde has crossed the Atlantic 15,000 times, covered 52 million miles and carried more than 1 million passengers since May 1976. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor)

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Pressure builds on B-Cal over offers

By Colin Narbough

Pressure increased on Sir Adam Thomson, the chairman of British Caledonian, and his board this weekend to choose between the revised, lower offer from British Airways and an alternative plan to link up with the Scandinavian Airlines System.

SAS made clear yesterday that any offer to take a minority stake would depend on B-Cal's shareholders, including the 31 Group, first rejecting the BA offer.

But the surprise announcement by BA that it was cutting £81 million from its initial offer has clearly not pleased B-Cal's owners and makes a SAS partial bid increasingly attractive.

Mr Knud Løversengen, an SAS spokesman, yesterday dismissed British Press claims about an imminent bid to take a 40 per cent stake in B-Cal as "speculation."

Nordic coolness over a possible early challenge from SAS was read in London yesterday as an effort by the Scandinavians to play things as close to their chests as possible until B-Cal responds officially to BA's new price.

While a partial SAS bid could theoretically run foul of regulations limiting foreign ownership of British UK airlines, B-Cal is confident that the Government would not oppose a Scandinavian stake in B-Cal, provided the company remains substantially British-owned and controlled.

While a BA/B-Cal tie-up will mean shedding certain routes, having SAS as a partner would leave B-Cal's routes intact.

A partnership with the highly profitable Scandinavians would also inject more cash into B-Cal than BA's offer. While neither airline has been prepared to talk prices in public, it was yesterday understood that SAS would bring in excess of BA's £156 million offer and be accompanied by a capital restructuring.

Jobs could affect B-Cal's thinking too, as BA has made clear that combining the two companies would mean 2,000 redundancies.

City braced for more crash losses after BZW results

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

The City is bracing itself this week for further revelations of big losses by equity market-makers following the announcement by Barclays de Zoete Wedd that it had lost nearly £50 million during the crash.

SG Warburg is due to announce its interim results on Wednesday although they will not include most of the period since share prices began to fall on October 19. Warburg has already said that in the first week of the market crash it suffered losses of £4 million, and these will be included in the results.

But BZW has set the tone for British market-makers to reveal their trading losses over the last month and Warburg is expected to follow suit.

Like BZW it has been one of the most active firms on the stock market since Big Bang. It had almost certainly been running large positions on its books when the crash began, so losses are expected to be substantial. Market experts, however, do not believe they are likely to be as high as BZW's.

As a result, Warburg's interim figures are expected to match last year's half-year pre-tax profit of £38 million. These profits were depressed from £45 million the previous year because of Big Bang costs. Warburg has sufficient capital to absorb substantial temporary losses. Outsiders will, however, be looking closely at the result of Smith New Court next month. Smith New Court

is the only large independent market-maker in the London stock market with smaller capital backing than other firms with financially powerful parent companies.

Stock market rumours over the past few weeks have persistently mentioned the firm as a large loser. There are also worries about stock market firms known to have a significant exposure to less tradable second-line stocks, an area in which a large part of BZW's losses are believed to have occurred.

Companies such as Hoare Govett, Phillips & Drew and County Securities, with a strong corporate finance commitment to smaller companies, are believed to have had large blocks on their books.

Parkinson calls for peace

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Mr Cecil Parkinson, Secretary of State for Energy, and his team of advisers have completed a weekend of discussions on how to reconcile the Government's twin commitments of introducing more competition into a privatized electricity industry and continuing the development of nuclear power.

Mr Parkinson has imposed a strict news blackout on the meeting, at a country house in Oxfordshire. He has written to the chairmen of the Electricity Council, the Central Electricity Generating Board and the

12 area electricity boards asking them to make fewer public statements on the issue.

The Government is particularly annoyed about the public battle between the generating and distribution side of the industry over who should own and operate the national grid once the industry moves into the private sector.

Most within the industry believe the decision has been taken to remove the grid from the direct control of the CEGB, and that the CEGB is to be told that parts of its network of 78 power stations

will be privatized separately.

The Government is determined that the nuclear power station building programme already embarked on by the CEGB should not be affected by privatization.

The private sector companies who move into generation will be required to invest directly in the nuclear power station building programme, or take a proportion of the power they feed into the national grid from nuclear stations operated by other private companies or the privatized CEGB.

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ANALYSIS

Cash may be king but firms must still consider quality

The stock market fallout has driven investors to seek protection in clearly identifiable shelters. Cries such as "Get out of America," and "Retrench in domestic industries" have been reverberating around the City of London. Shares with appropriate characteristics have been outperforming the market with a vengeance.

But the phrase most frequently shouted from the rooftops is "Cash is King." This demonstrates the market's preference for companies with strong balance sheets. It is anticipating that the cash will be used to snap up the lowly-rated but still tasty morsels that are widely available in quoted and unquoted form.

Conservatively-run companies, previously written off as boring and lacking in potential because of their preference for low-risk activities in markets close to home, are being fêted in the bear market. Often they operate in well-established industries and ooze cash from every pore.

Ms Brown Madox, of Kleinwort Greaves Securities, has been taking a closer look at the avenues available to cash-rich companies. In a research document, *Financing Growth after the Crash*, she urges investors to look at companies with strong balance sheets. But they should not be clasped indiscriminately to the bosoms of nervous fund managers. Selection remains the key to success.

As any diligent business school student will point out, textbooks show it makes not a jot of difference if quoted companies finance growth with cash and debt or with equity, providing care is taken to optimize the capital structure.

But theory and practice rarely coincide. Equity has been the favoured instrument in a British market haunted by memories of companies dragged under by high borrowings in 1974.

Thus much of British industry is relatively lowly geared, trailing significant lines of unused credit. This is despite the fact that debt is often a more tax-effective vehicle. Interest charges are paid out of trading profits,



Lord Weinstock of GEC (left) and Garry Weston of AB Foods

while dividends are deducted from after-tax earnings.

But bull markets support the use of equity. Highly-rated companies have been using paper with gay abandon to finance growth. By using shares, some also deploy merger accounting and thus avoid the issue of goodwill. The pioneering roots of the Americans make them much less averse to high gearing. There it is unusual to make acquisitions for paper.

Underwritten share offers with a cash alternative have tended to be the accepted norm in buoyant market conditions in Britain. To make a cash offer without a share alternative or loan note is to invite the wrath of all but pension funds, free from tax liabilities.

The smooth underwriting of British Airways' offer for British Caledonian is not typical in a market still bruised by the BP debacle. It would be hard to find a corporate financier still encouraging clients to expose themselves to the vagaries of underwriting markets.

So British companies are having to learn a new set of rules, and this involves changes among the star players.

Those who accepted shares as the way to finance growth

are no longer feeling fit enough to compete. Mr John Ashcroft's fast-growing Coloroll Group has declared a freeze on acquisitions, particularly in the United States.

Some companies not blessed with strong balance sheets will resort to old-fashioned organic growth — although this may not be quite as depressing a prospect as it seems.

Somewhat illogically, high gearing blamed on expensive acquisitions incites the pundits' fury, but high gearing caused by rising capital expenditure is accepted with no more than a few raised eyebrows.

The force of the crash has left many companies stunned. A few have already either made opportunistic bids — Granada for Electronic Rentals — or have built up stakes — Maxwell — Communication Corporation in De La Rue.

Others have pulled out from announced bids — TI Group is not proceeding with a US acquisition, while Mr Garry Weston had cold feet about Associated British Foods' bid for S&W Berisford. Only time will tell whether these deals are reinstated or whether others will take their place.

The Kleinwort report points out that not all companies with cash are well placed.

Strong cash flow is frequently a feature of mature industries with streamlined facilities and a strong market position, or of highly-regulated industries such as the television contractors. For them expansion into familiar areas is difficult if not impossible.

And with the possibility of a recession just around the corner, this is not the time to embark on an unfriendly market or geographic region.

Additional complications can present themselves if the management is substandard, not able or willing to take advantage of possibilities on the rare occasions they present themselves. Cash-generative companies often breed less aggressive managers.

Moreover, the substantial size of many well-established, cash-rich companies leaves relatively few deals that would make a noticeable difference to earnings.

The attractions of acquiring existing assets were paramount against a background where short-term performance was all-important. Acquisitions offering a longer-term return were overlooked even if they provided one-off strategic opportunities.

Moreover, in a seller's market, targets stood on prohibitive ratings, making internal investment a suitable alternative for those companies

less concerned about immediate earnings enhancement.

As yet the cost of internal investment has remained unchanged but the cost of existing assets has dropped. This brings them into the range of cash-rich companies now no longer having to compete with high flyers' paper.

The market is standing on a price-earnings ratio of 10 times while the notional p/e ratio of cash is 16.5 times. No adjustment has been made in this comparison for the amortization of goodwill and the depreciation policy.

In the bull market cash-rich companies often found internal investment was the main route forward. Now they can look further afield while companies used to issuing paper mark time or satisfy themselves by investing in the businesses they have bought over the years.

According to Kleinwort Greaves, the most significant way in which cash will be used is to buy in shares. By cancelling them, earnings per share can be enhanced.

Guinness is taking advantage of a share price near its year's low to seek shareholders' approval to buy in shares and thus enhance earnings. Lord Weinstock's GEC, J Rothschild, Hamamerson and LWT have for some time adopted this practice, being unable or unwilling to invest their money effectively elsewhere.

Buying-in tends to be treated with disdain in Britain although it is a method widely used in the United States. Here tax complications have been a deterrent.

Buying-in has been treated as a last resort for groups lacking the imagination to seek growth opportunities elsewhere. But this perception could be misguided. It is surely better for a group to use its cash effectively to invest in the business it knows best of all than invest elsewhere just for the sake of it.

In a market where defensive strength and long-term quality of earnings are being appreciated, companies who use cash balances appropriately will earn premium ratings.

Alexandra Jackson

GILT-EDGED

Safety not excitement is now the watchword

With the equity market flat on its back, the optimists, and there are always some of them about, have had to look elsewhere. Thus gilts, for long spurned by fund managers as guaranteeing nothing but underperformance, are suddenly threatening to become all the rage again.

The simplest bull argument for gilts at the moment is that the risk of financial collapse — as equities crash will continue to force short-term interest rates down around the world. Certainly in Britain it is not too cynical to describe the main short-term objective of monetary policy as avoiding the need for the Bank of England to buy back BP.

The risks here, however, seem to be passing. Whilst we are not particularly bullish of the outlook for equities, the fall in stock markets is beginning to look an increasingly less likely direct cause of further rate reductions.

Hopes are still alive, even so, that after a deficit reduction package in the US the way will be clear for a fresh round of co-ordinated interest rate cuts. Lower West German rates would then enable British rates to fall yet further, thanks to the official policy of stabilizing sterling against the mark.

This paints altogether too rosy a view of international economic relations at the moment. It needs to be remembered that one of the sparks for the equity collapse was a public slanging match between the Americans and the West Germans.

When even Mrs Thatcher starts offering barely polite economic "advice" to the US, relations are clearly at a pretty low ebb. The Japanese, for example, have already indicated that they would be very reluctant to change policy.

After the shambles of the last few weeks it would certainly seem unwise to hold one's breath waiting for an important new international accord to replace the shattered Louvre agreement. A nominal cut in short rates ought to be possible, given the likely market impact of a failed Group of Seven meeting, but a sustained drive to

lower rates looks well out of reach.

Perhaps the key argument for enthusiasts of gilts at the moment is, however, that a recession is on the way and that a recession must be good for interest rates. "Yes, but," has got to be the reply here — and the "but" could be very important.

In our assessment there is a lot of momentum in economic growth. The US economy is most unlikely to collapse overnight, and in Britain Mr Nigel Lawson's forecast of 2½ per cent growth next year seems near the mark.

Indeed, if equity markets stabilize and growth rolls on this winter, there must be every chance that monetary policy, particularly in the US, will actually switch back to an anti-inflationary tack in early 1988, forgetting the current preoccupation with recession.

For all that, the 1989 growth outlook is undeniably bleak. The growth picture then depends heavily on continued industrial confidence to stimulate fixed investment and stock-building; after recent events that must be in doubt. Moreover, as the election race heats up in the US next year, the risk of protectionist policies being perceived as a vote-winner must increase the dangers.

To see if a recession, or very low growth, might bring down bond yields one nevertheless has to look at why yields are so high now. It is surely not the fear of inflation — which has been subdued for some time — or else in Britain the index-linked market would have been far more buoyant in recent years.

Nor does the level of bond yields around the world seem to be a result of the pace of economic recovery, since this has been distinctly modest by the standards of the 1950s and 1960s.

It seems more plausible instead to attribute the high level of worldwide bond yields to the impact of US funding needs. As the twin deficits (federal and trade) in the US have grown, America has increasingly distorted

world capital markets, forcing yields up.

Moreover, one has to say that the recent agonizing over Gramm-Rudman cuts looks like an increasing irrelevance. US growth next year is going to be way below that assumed in putting together the Gramm-Rudman estimates, and that is going to make the budget deficit much bigger than many on Capitol Hill seem to realize.

Meanwhile, given the state of international confidence in US policies after the recent fiascos, funding that deficit in international capital markets looks to be an uphill struggle. Bond yields in America, and therefore, probably around the world, must be vulnerable.

Of course in 1989 a new President could sweep to power, cutting the deficit and restoring faith in the dollar — "at a stroke", to borrow someone's phrase. But that is a long way away in these markets.

In the short term the gilt market thus looks to be dependent on those two old brokers' chestnuts — pressure of funds (as people bail out of equities) and the UK gilt market decoupling from the US. Most fund managers have probably been around long enough to take both of these with a pinch of salt. They do add up to some sort of bull argument, but the market has already shied away once from taking yields below 9 per cent and seems to recognize the risks involved in chasing yields much lower.

If the Chancellor is right about 4½ per cent inflation next year (and he has a good record here) and index-linked are yielding 4 per cent or so, it certainly seems to be true that recent talk of 7 per cent yields or less is well wide of the mark. Against a very uncertain equity background gilts place in the portfolio — but probably on grounds of safety first rather than expectations of a raging bull market this winter.

George Hodgson

The author is chief economist at Citicorp Securities/Vickers Securities.

Matthew Brown names new managing director



George Hildrew, new chief at Matthew Brown

Matthew Brown: Mr George Hildrew is made managing director.

SG Warburg Group: Mr Tullio Cetraccia has been appointed a non-executive director and Mr Philip Kevel a director and managing director, SG Warburg & Co Inc.

Crown Financial Management: Mr Gareth Evans is made managing director, succeeding Mr Mike Christophers.

Johnson Wax: Mr Richard Posey becomes regional director, consumer products, Latin America, from January 1, and Mr John Molan managing

director, consumer products, UK, succeeding Mr Richard Posey.

Confederation of British Industry's Taxation Committee: Mr David Swaine is made chairman, succeeding Mr Alan Willingale.

ARC Construction: Mr Eddie King becomes managing director, civil engineering.

Council of Mechanical and Metal Trade Associations: Mr Jack Gilbertson is appointed chairman and Mr Eddie Addison and Mr Mike Leggett vice-chairmen.

APPOINTMENTS

Catalyst Communications: Mr Timothy Rosen becomes executive chairman and Mr Leslie Kent managing director.

BOS Group: Mr Richard Holway joins the board as a non-executive director.

The Karran Group: Mr John Mills is made group chief executive.

Gannaway Advertising & Marketing: Mr Roger Harrington becomes a full board director.

Gota Group: Mr Jan

Landqvist has been named as managing director, Gota Securities.

British & Commonwealth Holdings: Sir Peter Miles becomes a non-executive director and joins the board from January 1.

Whitney Mackay-Lewis: Mr Ian Gardner is made finance director.

Smith & Wesson Corporation: Mr Steve Melvin becomes president, succeeding Mr Bob Muddimer.

Chancery Securities Financial Services: Mr Ian Rosenthal has been appointed a director.

BOARD MEETINGS

TODAY — Interim: BET, Chamberlain Pharms, Delmar Group, ENAP, Fairbairn, Marshall's Halifax, Parland Textile (Holdings), Personal Assets Trust, Rexmore, Finales: Carroll Industries.

TOMORROW — Interim: Alphameric, BAA, Eskine House Group, Hambros, Moaks Investment Trust, Murray Technology Investments, Powell Duffryn, Redstart International, Walker & Staff Holdings. Finales: Cosalt, Humberside Electronic Controls, Northern American Trust,

TMD Advertising Holdings, Union Steel Corporation of South Africa.

WEDNESDAY — Interim: Authority Investments, Bassett Foods, BAT Industries (third quarter), Cable and Wireless, Chancery Securities, Courtauld, FKI Electricals, Harrison's Malaysian Plantations, Hogg Robinson Group, Hughes Food Group, Magnet & Southern, Sandvik AB (third quarter), Vibroplant, SG Warburg Group, York Trust Group. Finales: Greenall Whit-

ley, Kwik Save Group, MEPC, Moss Advertising Group.

THURSDAY — Interim: BPB Industries, British Telecom, CCA Galleries, Dawson International, Hillier Ergonom, Imry Property Holdings, Marston, Thompson & Evershed, Redland, Rothmans International. Finales: TSB Channel Islands.

FRIDAY — Interim: Brewin, AF Bulfinch & Co, Fulcrum Investment Trust, Menyard Wine. Finales: Bank of Nova Scotia.

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CBI forecast is optimistic on output and investment

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

The Confederation of British Industry, in its first forecast for the economy since the stock market crash, is optimistic about prospects for industrial output and investment.

The main effect of the crash will be to produce a sharper slowdown in consumer spending next year than previously forecast, but the CBI's organization is confident of strong rise in manufacturing investment next year.

The CBI's latest forecasts indicate growth in the economy as a whole slowing from 4 per cent this year to 2 per cent next year. This compares with the Treasury's forecast of a 2.5 per cent growth rate for gross domestic product in 1988.

Manufacturing output is forecast to rise by 4.9 per cent next year, after 5.8 per cent growth this year. Both figures are higher than the CBI's August forecast, because the strength of output in the past few months is believed to

have established a momentum to carry it through to next year.

Consumer spending is the main area affected by the crash, as consumer confidence is knocked and households act to build up their savings. Consumer spending is predicted to rise by 2.8 per cent next year, after 4.4 per cent this year, as the saving ratio rises from 8.7 per cent to 9.8 per cent.

The CBI has taken soundings among its members and found virtual unanimity for the view that industry is not going to let the stock market crash affect its investment plans.

The growth in manufacturing investment is forecast to accelerate from 2 per cent this year to 7.2 per cent next year, within an overall pick-up in fixed investment from 4.2 to 6 per cent.

Mr John Caff, the CBI's economics director, said com-

panies had developed long-term investment strategies to see them into the 1990s, and were determined not to be blown off course.

At last Wednesday's meeting of the CBI Council, each member present expressed his confidence about the maintenance of investment plans next year.

Companies are also expected to build up their stocks, despite the more muted outlook for the economy.

Stock-building is forecast at £1.2 billion next year, after £300 million this year.

The forecast is relatively pessimistic on Britain's trade performance.

Export growth is predicted to slow down from 5.6 per cent this year to 1.7 per cent next year, despite the fact that the growth of world trade is optimistically assumed to slow down only marginally, from 3.3 to 3 per cent.

Imports are forecast to rise by 5 per cent, after growth of 6.7 per cent this year, and the current account deficit is predicted to widen from £1.6 billion to £3.2 billion.

Unemployment is predicted to fall, but at a slower rate than this year, edging down to 2.64 million by the end of next year.

Mr Caff said the relatively gloomy assessment for exports was based on the fact that the pound's rise had hit industry's competitiveness.

Industrialists were confident that the Government would succeed in holding the pound's level against the European currencies, but feared a rise against the weak dollar, he said.

The CBI's economists conceded that a further stock market fall or a renewed sharp dollar slide would produce a gloomier outlook for the economy.



Sir Philip: 'competitive'

High-tech helps cut industry's power bills

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Industrial users of electricity, facing price rises of up to 8 per cent next year, have been saving millions of pounds on their power bills through energy saving and by adopting new high-technology electrical equipment.

Sir Philip Jones, the chairman of the Electricity Council, has told industrial customers that precise details of the size of increases cannot be worked out until area electricity boards draw up their new tariff structures.

He said: "You can be assured that we do understand our customers' concern and we will do all we can to keep the increase as low as possible, consistent with the national average."

"We already enjoy a very competitive position on electricity prices compared with other countries."

"Typical prices are lower than most of our European trading partners, significantly France, West Germany, Spain, Italy and Belgium and other major international competitors. Even after the forthcoming increases our prices remain very competitive."

Twenty-eight companies which entered this year's Power for Efficiency awards scheme run by the Electricity Council and won regional awards, saved £3 million by adopting new processes using electricity and £1.2 million by reducing energy costs overall.

The national winner was Bensons Cakes (South Wales) which installed an electric air knife for drying potato slices before cooking. This cut energy use by more than 25 per cent, improved product quality and recovered the capital investment in 17 weeks.

The national winner in the large company category was GKN Kent Alloys, which makes alloy wheels for the motor industry. The company replaced gas melting furnaces with electric equipment and increased output by 66 per cent.

ECONOMIC VIEW Wage round needs to roll at a slower pace

This was the pay round in which wage increases were at last going to reflect lower levels of inflation. So far there is not much sign of it.

It is, of course, early days for the psychological effects of the stock market crash to be reflected in pay bargaining. As marketing directors revise their sales estimates downwards and investment decisions are postponed, employers may take a harder look at wage claims and employees be prepared to respond to the gathering frost in the world economy by settling for a bit less. But it is clear that the need for some slowdown in pay settlements is going to increase.

High pay settlements were tolerable for as long as productivity was growing rapidly. Latest figures from the Department of Employment show output per head in manufacturing 6.9 per cent higher in the third quarter over the same period a year earlier and while this rate of improvement continues, pay increases are in a sense being "earned."

During the same period wages and salaries per unit of output in manufacturing rose only 1.5 per cent - much less than the 4.4 per cent in 1986 and 4.2 per cent in 1985 and lower also than the comparable 4.5 per cent for West Germany so far this year.

How much of the rapid increase in productivity has stemmed from long-term improvements in the supply side of the economy is uncertain. But to the extent that it reflects the very rapid growth in output this year of at least 4 per cent, the lower growth expected next year will show up in a slower increase in productivity. If pay goes on rising at its present rate there could be a rapid deterioration in cost competitiveness when the current account deficit will be increasing, if from a low base.

High pay increases, some would argue, would help sustain consumer spending, which, as the British economy cools down after the crash, will be less worrying than before and could be positively helpful. But such "reflation" at the expense of profits, investment and exports is far from the ideal response to the deflationary effect of lower share prices. Tax cuts or even higher public spending would be much better.

Recent evidence suggests a small acceleration in pay rather than any slowdown. Latest figures from the Department of Employment show average earnings in manufacturing rising at an underlying rate of 8.5 per cent in September, up from 8 per cent in the spring, and 7.75 per cent for most of 1986. For the whole economy the underlying rate is still 7.75 per cent, just above the 7.5 per cent rate for most of the past three years. The pay databank maintained by the Confederation of British Industry, which reflects new settlements as they are made rather than the average for the past year, has edged up from 4.8

per cent in the final quarter of 1986 to 5.7 per cent in the third quarter of this year.

In the private sector, two of the most important "benchmark" settlements in manufacturing, Ford and Vauxhall, are still under negotiation. The present offers by the employers are in line with inflation at about 4 per cent, together with some consolidation of bonuses, but if the car companies feel obliged to concede markedly higher settlements, it will be difficult for other manufacturers to achieve a cautious deal in the face of the economic slowdown.

In the public services, the Government's room for manoeuvre is limited. Of the pay bill faced by central government about half is covered by review bodies whose recommendations, though theoretically not binding, ministers find difficult to disregard.

This year's reviews which have

The "package within a package" which President Reagan and Congress unwrapped on Friday is not the Thanksgiving-Day present markets were looking for. While it represents a significant cut on what the US budget deficit would otherwise have been, several fudge factors have been employed and the whole thing is still far from agreed in detail. In short, it does little to reassure the world that the US has recognized what needs to be done and has the political will to do it.

Unfortunately, the countries in balance of payments surplus, particularly West Germany, seem just as unwilling to loosen their fiscal and monetary policies as the US is to tighten them. At least the delay in a Group of Seven meeting, which will not now take place until the US proposals have been hammered through Congress, will give more time to agree a credible set of measures, including a complementary stimulus in the surplus countries. Meanwhile, markets are set to continue in a waiting mode.

already begun are likely to be more difficult than usual because both the armed forces and the top salaries bodies are due for their periodic in-depth review into pay levels rather than the normal annual assessment of increases. The recommended settlements are therefore, likely to be higher than usual.

On the local authority side the Government does have a firm grip on teachers' pay. For the rest of local government, however, ministers are not represented at the bargaining table.

The need for greater flexibility in pay bargaining structures remains as strong as ever. The most hopeful options on the horizon are regional differentials in the public services and profit-related pay in the private sector.

Rodney Lord
Economics Editor

Rover 'can go it alone after the sell-off'

By Daniel Ward, Motor Industry Correspondent

Top executives at Rover Group believe that after privatization the company has a viable future as an independent vehicle maker with only a stake of up to 20 per cent owned by one of the leading world car producers.

Mr Mike Carver, Rover's executive group director, said he rejected the thinking in the motor industry that even European companies as large as Volkswagen would be forced increasingly to forge links with rivals to survive Japanese competition.

Rover could go it alone as long as it collaborated with a leading car maker which would take a stake in the Austin-Rover and Land-Rover operations, Mr Carver, the chief strategist of Mr Graham Day, the group chairman, said.

Mr Carver's bullish view is undoubtedly based on Rover's strategy to drop the Austin name and move steadily up market, closer to BMW, starting with its new five-door hatchback model code-named R8 and due for launch in 1989. Even the Metro replacement is not expected to have an Austin badge.

Company executives have embarked upon a plan called "Roverization," which will include dropping Austin from the company's name by late 1988.

Honda has collaborated with Austin-Rover on several models but has ruled out buying an equity stake in Austin-Rover.

Mr Hilary (Hil) Miller, Conservative MP for Bromsgrove and Redditch and chairman of the all-party motor industry group, said last week he believed the Government would once again be faced with a controversial approach from Ford to buy Austin-Rover.

Mr Day has said he will prepare privatization plans for Rover to be ready for government review by early 1988.

Employers' regional council names accountant as chief



Mr Michael Rogerson, (left), a partner in the accountancy firm of Grant Thornton, is the first practising chartered accountant to be appointed chairman of the London regional council of the Confederation of British Industry.

In the past, the CBI been criticized for displaying a bias towards manufacturing to the detriment of the service sector.

Mr Rogerson, aged 46, said: "I am anxious to involve the entire London region in supporting the Confederation's business and urban regeneration task force."

"We must not forget that in London we have some of the most deprived boroughs in Britain - Tower Hamlets, Hackney, Lambeth, Islington and Southwark. The vital task now is to bring jobs back to these areas," he added.

Minister urges British Gas to speed up negotiations

By Our Energy Correspondent

British Gas has been attacked by Mr Peter Morrison, the Minister of State for Energy, for the time it takes to negotiate gas purchase contracts from the oil companies that wish to bring forward new developments in the North Sea.

Mr Morrison, who has special responsibility for the North Sea oil and gas industries, is to tell British Gas that he is surprised at how long sales negotiations take for both gas and gas condensate fields in the North Sea.

He said lengthy negotiations were adversely affecting the pace of gas developments.

However, Mr Robert Evans, the British Gas chief executive, has said British Gas's policy remains that it will buy all gas offered to it from the British sector of the North Sea provided price negotiations can be settled.

He said many oil companies that have gas discoveries in the North Sea have been slow in bringing development plans forward and negotiating to sell the gas.

He added that many of the discoveries which oil companies were now talking of bringing on stream had been made more than a decade ago.

Mr Morrison has told the oil companies that his department will work as quickly as it can to speed up approval for new oil and gas developments in the North Sea.

He said: "So far this year we have approved 10 new development projects, both offshore and onshore. A further 11 offshore and three onshore projects are under consideration. Some are at an advanced stage, others less so."

"I must stress that the speed

at which my department can process these plans for my approval depends not only on the amount of analysis my staff needs to carry out, but also very much on the oil companies' plans being ready and finalized with partners."

"I will ensure that development plans are progressed as quickly as possible."

"Just under half of Britain's gas requirements for the 1990s have yet to be contracted. I believe that most, possibly all, can be supplied from new developments in the British sector of the North Sea."

"Gas production from British fields is already at record levels and is set to continue to rise. Sales opportunities for oil companies with gas and condensate fields are probably greater than they ever have been."

Insider man of literature

The 18-month prison term facing R Foster Winans, the former Wall Street Journal reporter convicted of leaking confidential information about US shares, could leave him plenty of time to concentrate on his new novel, described by his literary agent as an "irreverent take on Wall Street and its characters." The US Supreme Court last week upheld Winans's conviction for passing on information that was to appear in his market-sensitive *Heard On The Street* column. The ruling will provide fresh ammunition for Manhattan attorney Rudolph Giuliani in his battle against insider dealing on Wall Street. But it will do little to help Winans's efforts to make his living as an author, a dream which has so far proved even less lucrative than his ill-starred share deals. Winans pocketed just \$31,000 for his part in a share-dealing scheme with Kidder, Peabody stockbroker Kenneth Felix, which netted \$690,000 in less than a year. Winans has been similarly short-changed in literature. His first foray into book publishing, the non-fiction *Trading Secrets: Seduction and Scandal on Wall Street*, sold 70,000 copies. But all his royalties are being held in escrow by New York's crime victims board, which is keeping the money to pay any of Winans's victims who file for compensation. So far none has, but the Security and Exchange Commission's plans to share out \$11.5 million of insider trading profits illicitly

THE TIMES CITY DIARY Our favourite things

Wondering what an *accountant* Americans might be putting in their Christmas stockings? *Fortune* magazine's annual list of "Products of the Year," published today, includes disposable cameras from Fuji and Eastman Kodak, at between \$7 and \$10; the American Express Optima card; Casio's 6-ounce SF-4000 pocket diary

- a \$99 calculator and electronic address book with as much memory as the original IBM personal computer; Interplak electric toothbrushes, with gentle bristles, for \$99; extra-strength LifeStyles condoms with spermicide; Meravon, the new cholesterol-lowering drug; and last, and least, miniskirts.

earned by Dennis Levine to those hurt by his unlawful share dealings might now prompt other investors to lodge a claim against some of Winans's frozen assets. Meanwhile Winans's bitter-sweet success continues: an option on the film rights of *Trading Secrets* has just been renewed.



"Who needs missiles - when the Dow falls a fraction more we launch a takeover."

Dancing up West

If the idea of watching a Hill Samuel banker jiggle his hips à la Elvis Presley is exciting and you really could not think of a more educational way to pass the evening on December 6, you could do worse than head for the Piccadilly Theatre in London's West End. For one night only, The Square Mile Charitable Trust is putting on *Funny Money* (close relation), a mercifully short cabaret performed by City brokers, bankers, PR consultants and journalists. The organizers are hoping that the Duchess of York, patron of one of the many charities to benefit from the event, will pop in. Sir Ralph Halpern, Burton's chief, will be definitely paying £10 for a seat (box office 437-4506), although I gather he is still negotiating his fee for performing *There Is Nothing Like A Dame*. Adam Faith, who at last year's event crooned *What Do You Want If You Don't Want Money?* for the first time in 22 years, hopes to croon once more. Punctuating the evening will be glimpses of a masked and cloaked *Phantom of the Stock Exchange*, whose identity will remain a secret until the very end: the hot money, for some reason, is riding on Anita Roddick or Roger Seelig.

"We trust," said President Reagan's spokesman, Martin Fitzwater, last week, "that out of this experience has come a new wisdom about the process of governing in America." But it becomes trickier every day to guess which particular crisis he might be referring to.

Joe Joseph

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- a French Offer of 101,000,000 Units with New Warrants, at a price of FRF35 per Unit; and
- an International Placing of 18,000,000 Units with New Warrants, at a price of 175p plus FRF17.50 per Unit.

The prices per Unit in the French Offer and the International Placing represent the approximate equivalents on 12th November, 1987 of the price per Unit in the UK Offer.

Preference will be given in respect of a maximum of 2,400,000 Units with New Warrants (1.1 per cent. of the issue, and 2.4 per cent. of the UK Offer before any variation as mentioned below) to applications received on preferential application forms relating to the UK Offer from Eurotunnel personnel, as described in the full prospectus.

As part of the underwriting arrangements, certain institutional investors and their investment clients will be allocated Units with New Warrants (not exceeding in aggregate 23 per cent. of the issue, or 50 per cent. of the UK Offer before any variation as mentioned below) on a priority basis. The remaining Units with New Warrants comprised in the UK Offer are being offered to the public.

Each Unit comprises one share in Eurotunnel P.L.C. ("EPLC") and one share in Eurotunnel S.A. ("ESA"). There will be issued with each Unit an EPLC warrant and an ESA warrant twinned to constitute a New Warrant. EPLC and ESA shares and these warrants will be listed and dealt in only in the forms of Units and New Warrants. The New Warrants may be traded separately from the Units at any time after the issue. New Warrants will be exercisable only in integral multiples of ten. Initially, every ten New Warrants will entitle the holder to subscribe one Unit at a price of 230p plus FRF23 between 15th November, 1990 and 15th November, 1992. The number of Units obtainable on exercise of ten New Warrants is, however, subject to adjustment as set out in the section headed "Description of the New Warrants" of the full prospectus.

Arrangements have been made which may result in the number of Units with New Warrants comprised in the UK Offer being increased or decreased, the size of the French Offer and/or the International Placing being adjusted accordingly. These arrangements are summarised in the section headed "Issue arrangements" of the full prospectus.

Terms and conditions of application under the UK Offer

- The contracts created by the acceptance of applications under the UK Offer will be conditional upon (i) the Council of the Stock Exchange agreeing not later than 15th December, 1987 to admit all the Units and the New Warrants issued, and to be issued under the issue, to the Official List, (ii) the Commission des Opérations de Bourse deciding not later than 15th December, 1987 to admit all the Units and the New Warrants issued, and to be issued under the issue, to La Cote Officielle de la Bourse, and (iii) the provisions relating to termination of the UK Offer for Sale Agreement, the French Underwriting Agreement and the International Subscription Agreement referred to in section 13 under the heading "Further information" in the Prospectus (as defined below) not being implemented. Application monies will be returned (without interest) if any of these conditions is not satisfied and, in the meantime, if presented for payment, will be retained by the receiving banks in separate accounts.
- Except where the context otherwise requires, terms defined in the full prospectus relating to the UK Offer dated 16th November, 1987, comprising listing particulars regarding EPLC and ESA (the "Prospectus"), bear the same meaning when used in these terms and conditions or in the application form.
- Shares of 40p each in EPLC, shares of FRF 10 each in ESA and New Warrants issued pursuant to applications received under the UK Offer will be registered in the names of successful applicants or persons in whose favour renounceable letters of acceptance are duly renounced, free of registration fees, provided that, in cases of renunciation, letters of acceptance (duly completed in accordance with the instructions therein) are lodged for registration not later than 3.00 p.m. (London time) on 22nd January, 1988.
- The right is reserved to reject in whole or in part or to scale down any application received under the UK Offer including, without limitation, multiple or suspected multiple applications and to present for payment any cheques or banker's drafts received. If any application is not accepted in whole or in part or is scaled down, the application

monies or, as the case may be, the balance of those monies will be returned (without interest) by posting to the first named applicant the cheque or banker's draft accompanying the application or a crossed cheque in favour of the applicant or applicants.

- The right is reserved to treat any application received as valid and binding on an applicant or applicants even if the application form is not complete in all respects or is not accompanied by a power of attorney where required.
- If you are an individual eligible for travel privileges, or if you are applying on behalf of a named child under 18 years of age, EPLC will, in consideration of your making payment for the Units with New Warrants for which your application is accepted, make available the entitlement to travel privileges on the terms and conditions set out in the section entitled "Travel privileges" in the Prospectus. If you do not complete the box on the application form relating to the UK Offer claiming travel privileges, you will not be entitled to any travel privileges.
- By completing and delivering an application form relating to the UK Offer, you:
 - offer to purchase from any one or more of the UK Issuing Houses that number of EPLC shares and that number of ESA shares as represents the number of Units (each with one New Warrant) specified in your application form (or any smaller number for which the application is accepted) at the price per Unit indicated in the application form, subject to the Prospectus, these terms and conditions and, in due course, the memorandum and articles of association of EPLC and the statutes of ESA and the terms and conditions of the New Warrants set out in the relevant warrant instrument/board resolution;
 - authorise National Westminster Bank PLC and Midland Bank plc (together, the "Receiving Banks") and each of them, on behalf of the UK Issuing Houses to send a renounceable letter of acceptance representing the number of Units with New Warrants for which your application is accepted and, where appropriate, a crossed cheque for any money returnable, or the cheque or banker's draft accompanying the application, by post to your address as set out in your application form and to procure that your name, together with the name or names of

any other joint applicant or applicants, is or are placed on the registers of members of EPLC and of ESA in respect of such Units and New Warrants as comprise Units and New Warrants the rights to which have not been duly renounced; and in these terms and conditions references to rights being duly renounced mean the renounce(s) being registered by a Receiving Bank in relation to such rights;

- agree that, as a collateral contract between you and the UK Issuing Houses effective upon receipt by a Receiving Bank of your application, and in consideration of the UK Issuing Houses agreeing not to offer for sale any Units or New Warrants prior to 15th December, 1987 other than pursuant to the issue, your application may not be revoked until after 15th December, 1987;
- agree that, in respect of those Units and New Warrants for which your application has been received and processed and is not rejected, acceptance of your application shall be constituted, at the election of the UK Issuing Houses, either by notification to the Stock Exchange of the basis of allocation (in which case such acceptance shall be on that basis) or by notification of such acceptance to a Receiving Bank;
- authorise National Westminster Bank PLC to enter into such arrangements as it may think fit with Banque Indosuez, the receiving bank for the French Offer, whether before or after the issue shall have become unconditional, with a view to ensuring that ESA receives sufficient funds in French francs to permit the shares to be issued by it under the UK Offer to be duly issued in accordance with French law;
- warrant that your remittance will be honoured on first presentation;
- agree that any letter of acceptance and any moneys returnable to you may be retained pending clearance of your remittance;
- if you complete the box on the application form relating to the UK Offer claiming travel privileges, warrant that you are eligible to do so as set out in the section entitled "Travel privileges" in the Prospectus;

- agree that all documents in connection with the travel privileges may be posted at the risk of the person entitled thereto to the address set out in the relevant application form, or such other address as may from time to time be recorded in the register of members of EPLC;
- agree that, without prejudice to any other rights to which you may be entitled, you will not be able to exercise any remedy of rescission for innocent misrepresentation at any time after acceptance of your application;
- agree that all applications, acceptances of applications and contracts relating to the UK Offer will be governed by and construed in accordance with English law and agree to submit to the jurisdiction of the English courts;
- agree that time shall be of the essence of the contract constituted by the acceptance of your application;
- warrant that, if you sign the application form on behalf of somebody else or on behalf of a corporation, you have due authority so to do;
- warrant that you are not a United States person (as defined in paragraph 2 of the section entitled "Applications and allocations" of the Prospectus) and that you are not applying on behalf of such a person; and
- confirm that in making your application you are not relying on any information or representation relating to Eurotunnel, the UK Offer or the issue other than the information and representations contained in the Prospectus, or in the mini prospectus published in connection with the UK Offer when taken together with the Prospectus, and you accordingly agree that no person responsible for the Prospectus or the mini prospectus or any part of either of them will have any liability for any such other information or representation.

8. All documents, banker's drafts and cheques sent by post by any of the UK Issuing Houses or any Receiving Bank will be sent at the risk of the person or persons entitled thereto.

Photocopies of this application form will not be accepted in any circumstances.

How to apply under the UK Offer

- Put in Box 1 of the application form (in figures) the number of Units with New Warrants for which you are applying. You may only apply for one of the numbers of Units with New Warrants indicated below.

Number of Units with New Warrants for which you are applying	Amount payable	Number of Units with New Warrants for which you are applying	Amount payable
100	£350	750	£2,625
200	£700	1,000	£3,500
300	£1,050	1,250	£4,375
400	£1,400	1,500	£5,250
500	£1,750	2,000	£7,000

Above 2,000 Units with New Warrants, applications must be in the following denominations:

Applications	Multiples of
2,000 to 10,000	Units with New Warrants 1,000
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- Using the column headed "Amount payable" in the table above, put in Box 2 of the application form (in figures) the amount payable.

- Sign the application form in Box 3 and date it. The application form may be signed by someone else on your behalf if he or she is authorised to do so. An agent should enclose the power of attorney appointing him (unless he is a Selling Agent, Financial Intermediary or UK Clearing Bank (as defined in the Prospectus)) and should state the capacity in which he signs.

A corporation must sign under the hand of a duly authorised official whose name and representative capacity must be stated.

- If you are an individual and wish to claim travel privileges write "YES" in Box 4 of the application form. If you do not write "YES" in Box 4 you will not be entitled to any travel privileges. Please read the section of the Prospectus entitled "Travel privileges" before completing the box. If you are a joint applicant you should read [7] below.

- Put in Box 5 your full name and address in block capitals. Only one application should be made for the benefit of any person.

Applications may only be made by persons over 18. However, a parent, grandparent or guardian of a child under 18 may apply for the benefit of that child. Not more than one application may be made for the benefit of a particular child. To apply for the benefit of a child, you should put your own name in Box 5 and, after your surname, write "a/c" followed by the full name of the child and the child's date of birth. Applying for one or more children will not prevent you from making a single application for your own benefit. The right is reserved to reject multiple or suspected multiple applications.

- Put in Box 6 where indicated a cheque or banker's draft for the amount you have entered in Box 2. The cheque must be made payable to "Eurotunnel UK Offer" and crossed "Not negotiable". A separate cheque or banker's draft must accompany each application.

The payment must relate solely to this application. No receipt will be issued.

The cheque or banker's draft must be drawn in pounds sterling on an account of a branch of a bank in the UK, the Channel Islands or the Isle of Man and must bear a UK bank sort code number in the top right hand corner. If you do not have a cheque account, you can obtain a cheque or banker's draft from your building society, your bank or a third party, in which case you should print your full name(s) and address on the back of the cheque or banker's draft.

An application may be accompanied by a cheque drawn by someone other than the applicant(s) or by banker's draft, but any moneys returned will be sent by cheque crossed "Not negotiable—*a/c* payee only" in favour of the applicant(s).

- Joint applications

You may apply jointly with up to three other people, provided each applicant is aged 18 or over. They should complete and sign Box 7. The first-named of two joint holders will, during his lifetime, be eligible for the travel privileges. However, if more than two persons apply jointly, none of them will qualify for travel privileges.

Anyone signing on behalf of any joint applicant(s) should follow the instructions for agents in [3] above.

Instructions for the return of your application form

Send your completed application form, together with a cheque or banker's draft for payment, by post (or deliver it by hand) to arrive not later than 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 27th November, 1987 at the appropriate address immediately below according to the first letter of your surname (or corporate name) inserted in Box 5.

A to L: National Westminster Bank PLC,
New Issues Department,
PO Box 79, 2 Princes Street,
London EC2P 2BD

M to Z: Midland Bank plc,
Stock Exchange Services Department,
Mariner House, Peppys Street,
London EC3N 4DA

You should use FIRST CLASS post and allow at least two days for delivery.

Or take this form by hand by 3.30 p.m. on Thursday, 26th November, 1987 to any of the additional receiving centres listed on the back of the application form in the mini prospectus and the full prospectus.



Eurotunnel P.L.C.

Eurotunnel S.A.

Offer for Sale

of 101,000,000 Units with New Warrants at a price of 350p per Unit

by

Robert Fleming & Co. Limited Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.
underwritten jointly with
County NatWest Limited Samuel Montagu & Co. Limited

A Unit comprises one share in Eurotunnel P.L.C. and one share in Eurotunnel S.A.

Application has been made to the Council of The Stock Exchange, London and to the Commission des Opérations de Bourse, Paris for all of the shares in Eurotunnel P.L.C. and in Eurotunnel S.A. (in the form of Units), issued and to be issued pursuant to the issue, and the New Warrants to be admitted to the Official List and La Cote Officielle. Dealings in the shares on both The Stock Exchange and the Bourse will be in the form of Units. The New Warrants will be separately listed and dealt in.

In applying for Units with New Warrants, you will be treated as applying both on the terms and conditions set out below and on the basis of the full prospectus dated 16th November, 1987 comprising listing particulars relating to Eurotunnel P.L.C. and Eurotunnel S.A., which together govern your rights and obligations. Copies of the full prospectus are available at UK branches of National Westminster Bank PLC, Midland Bank plc, Bank of Scotland and Ulster Bank Limited. If you need advice, you should consult your bank manager, stockbroker, solicitor, accountant or other professional adviser.

You are advised to read the full prospectus before completing and returning an application form.

No person receiving a copy of this document and/or an application form in any territory other than the UK may treat the same as constituting an invitation to him or her, nor should he or she in any event use such application form, unless in the relevant territory such an invitation could lawfully be made to him or her without compliance with any unfilled registration or other legal requirements. It is the responsibility of any person outside the UK receiving a copy of this document and/or an application form and wishing to make an application hereunder to satisfy himself or herself as to full observance of the laws of the relevant territory in connection therewith, including the obtaining of any governmental or other consents or the compliance with other necessary formalities, and to pay any transfer or other taxes requiring to be paid in such territory in respect of the Units with New Warrants acquired by him or her under the UK Offer.

Travel privileges

Individuals who continue to hold Units personally acquired by them under the UK Offer will be entitled, upon payment (with effect from the year of opening of the Eurotunnel System) of a registration fee expected to be approximately £10 (at July 1987 prices) per year, and provided that specified conditions are satisfied, to make the following numbers of trips on Eurotunnel shuttles at a nominal charge for each one-way journey of £1 or 10 French francs per vehicle.

Number of Units personally purchased and held	
100	One return shuttle trip to be taken within 12 months of the System opening
500	One return shuttle trip per year for the first ten years of operation
1,000	Two return shuttle trips per year until the end of the Concession period in 2042
1,500	An unlimited number of shuttle trips until the end of the Concession period

Further information concerning these arrangements and a summary of the conditions which must be satisfied before the privileges can be claimed are set out in the section headed "Travel privileges" of the full prospectus.

Applications and allocations

Applications must be received in accordance with the instructions set out below. The right is reserved to reject, in whole or in part, any application. Once made, applications may not be withdrawn.

The application list will open at 10.00 a.m. (London time) on 27th November, 1987 and may be closed at any time thereafter. The basis of allocation of Units with New Warrants is expected to be announced on Monday, 30th November, 1987.

If you are successful, in whole or in part, you will be sent renounceable letters of acceptance for the Units with New Warrants allocated to you. If there is heavy demand, you may receive fewer Units with New Warrants than you applied for, or in some cases, none at all. If your application is not accepted, all money paid on application will be returned (without interest). If your application is accepted in part, you will receive (without interest) a refund cheque in respect of the balance of the money paid on application.

Renounceable letters of acceptance are expected to be sent to successful applicants on Wednesday, 9th December, 1987. It is expected that dealings in the Units and the New Warrants on The Stock Exchange and the Bourse, Paris will commence on Thursday, 10th December, 1987.



Application form

Before completing this form, you should read carefully the notes opposite.
To: Robert Fleming & Co. Limited, Morgan Grenfell & Co. Limited, S. G. Warburg & Co. Ltd.,
Eurotunnel P.L.C. and Eurotunnel S.A.

I/We offer to purchase Units with New Warrants on and subject to the terms and conditions set out in the full prospectus dated 16th November, 1987 relating to the UK Offer comprising listing particulars regarding EPLC and ESA (the "Prospectus"), at a price of 350p per Unit (with one New Warrant attached)

and I/we attach a cheque or banker's draft for the amount payable of £

Signature Date 1987

If you wish to receive travel privileges and are an individual eligible for travel privileges or are applying on behalf of a child, write "YES" in the box. If you do not write "YES" in the box, you will not be entitled to any travel privileges. Details are set out in the section in the Prospectus entitled "Travel privileges".

Please use block capitals Sole or First Joint Applicant

Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms or title	Forename(s) in full
Surname	
Address	
Postcode	

Pin here a cheque or banker's draft for the amount in Box 2, payable to "Eurotunnel UK Offer" and crossed "Not negotiable".

JOINT APPLICANTS Insert below the names of the other joint applicants in BLOCK CAPITALS who must sign in the right hand column. Travel privileges will not be available if there are more than two applicants.

I/We join in this application and give the declarations set out above.

Mr, Mrs, Miss, Ms or title	Forename(s) in full	Surname	Signature
2nd joint applicant			
3rd joint applicant			
4th joint applicant			

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Those claiming commission (or reallocation of commission) should stamp both boxes applicable to them.

Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallocation of commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of person claiming commission and VAT reg. no.	Stamp of other intermediary claiming reallocation of commission and VAT reg. no.
(If not registered for VAT, put "none")	(If not registered for VAT, put "none")	(If not registered for VAT, put "none")	(If not registered for VAT, put "none")
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Import rules restrict competition

British car makers hit by complex Korean tax system

British car manufacturers exporting to South Korea face punitive taxes, a Seoul government official said yesterday.

Legislation was introduced in July to enable foreign makers to export to the expanding South Korean market for the first time. But a complex system of taxing means that the cost of cars in Austin Rover's Maestro class is increased to three times its selling price in Britain.

The taxes include VAT, a contribution to defence, acquisition charges and a bond which is a contribution to road repairs.

So far only a few foreign cars have been imported into South Korea, and the number is only expected to increase to 50 by the end of the year.

But demand for cars in the expanding economy is increasing so fast that Korean manufacturers cannot keep pace.

Mr Duck-Soo Han, an official with the Seoul government's trade and industry department, said it wanted to introduce foreign competition to the domestic market, dominated at present by Hyundai, which will sell about 13,000 cars in Britain this year.

"Domestic production would never make the industry competitive," he told British journalists visiting Hyundai's production plants in Seoul.

"We need to introduce the competition from abroad but the tax system is very complicated. We would like to make it simple, with less burden on the buyer."

"We will eventually reduce the cost of buying an imported car here by reducing the taxes," he predicted.

● South Korea's current account surplus more than doubled to £8.1 billion (£4.5

billion) in the first 10 months of this year from \$3.21 billion in the same 1986 period, according to provisional figures from the Bank of Korea.

Bank officials said the surplus for the whole of 1987 could reach \$10 billion, compared with \$4.62 billion last year.

The current account surplus last month fell to \$993 million from \$1.35 billion in September but rose from \$739 million in October last year.

The October trade surplus fell to \$860 million from \$1.15 billion in September but was up from \$554 million a year earlier.

The overall balance of payments account last month turned to a deficit of \$222 million from surpluses of \$152 million and \$202 million respectively in September and October last year.

Exports were \$4.07 billion against \$4.47 billion in September and \$3.17 billion in October last year. Imports were \$3.21 billion against \$3.32 billion and \$2.62 billion.

The October invisible trade surplus fell to \$43 million from \$94 million in September and \$97 million a year earlier.

Transfer payments surplus dropped to \$90 million from \$108 million in September.

The long-term capital deficit narrowed to \$1.21 billion last month from \$1.36 billion in September.

The October short-term capital account changed into a surplus of \$201 million from deficits of \$126 million in September.

The errors and omissions account left a deficit of \$204 million against a surplus of \$283 million in September and a deficit of \$288 million in October last year.

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

Sterling index compared with 1975 was up at 75.7 (day's range 75.6-75.8).

STERLING SPOT AND FORWARD RATES

Market rates for November 20	Range	Close	1 month	3 months
New York	1.7790-1.7795	1.7790	0.31-0.30p	0.65-0.63p
London	2.3377-2.3387	2.3380	0.17-0.13p	0.17-0.10p
Amsterdam	3.3611-3.3750	3.3650	0.17-0.13p	0.17-0.10p
Brussels	62.46-62.87	62.46	0.17-0.13p	0.17-0.10p
Copenhagen	11.5088-11.5409	11.5188	11-10p	34-44p
Frankfurt	1.1165-1.1201	1.1165	0.17-0.13p	0.17-0.10p
Geneva	2.3387-2.3387	2.3387	0.17-0.13p	0.17-0.10p
Madrid	226.94-243.70	226.94	100-100p	200-200p
Osaka	300.94-301.78	300.94	80-110p	80-110p
Paris	21.55-22.04	21.55	10-10p	10-10p
Stockholm	11.4034-11.4268	11.4034	4p-54p	10p-17p
Switzerland	10.1384-10.1740	10.1384	1p-14p	1p-14p
Tokyo	240.55-241.42	240.55	1p-14p	1p-14p
Zurich	2.4450-2.4578	2.4450	1p-14p	1p-14p

OTHER STERLING RATES

Argentina austral	7.0723-7.1861
Australia dollar	0.8701-0.8712
Bahian dollar	0.8701-0.8712
Brazil cruzeiro	107.14-107.73
Canada dollar	0.8701-0.8712
Denmark kroner	0.8701-0.8712
France franc	0.8701-0.8712
Germany mark	0.8701-0.8712
Greece drachma	234.00-236.00
Hong Kong dollar	0.8701-0.8712
India rupee	0.8701-0.8712
Indonesia rupiah	0.8701-0.8712
Italy lire	0.8701-0.8712
Japan yen	0.8701-0.8712
Korea won	0.8701-0.8712
Malaysia dollar	0.8701-0.8712
Netherlands guilder	0.8701-0.8712
New Zealand dollar	0.8701-0.8712
Philippines peso	0.8701-0.8712
Singapore dollar	0.8701-0.8712
South Africa rand	0.8701-0.8712
Spain peseta	0.8701-0.8712
Switzerland franc	0.8701-0.8712
Taiwan dollar	0.8701-0.8712
Thailand baht	0.8701-0.8712
UK sterling	0.8701-0.8712
USA dollar	0.8701-0.8712
West Germany mark	0.8701-0.8712
Yugoslavia dinar	0.8701-0.8712

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Ireland	1.5065-1.5065
Denmark	8.4050-8.4180
Belgium	1.5065-1.5065
Malaysia	2.4500-2.4500
Australia	1.5065-1.5065
Canada	1.5065-1.5065
France	6.5500-6.5500
Germany	1.5065-1.5065
Japan	134.30-134.40
Norway	6.5500-6.5500

MONEY MARKETS

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Our 1987 Good Food Guide to greater profits.

RANKS HOVIS McDUGALL PLC
ANNUAL REPORT AND ACCOUNTS
• 1987 •



The Group's profit before taxation for the 53 weeks to 5 September 1987 rose by 28% to £116.1m compared with £90.8m for the previous year. External sales increased from £1.414m to £1.544m. This further substantial increase in profits over 1986 was due to improvements in all aspects of the Group's business.

Packaged cake under the Mr Kipling brand produced record results and benefited from its accelerating programme of new product launches. The Grocery division also achieved record profits where good contributions arose from its acquisitions of Tiffany Foods and Bonnie Baker Foods; the division's strong branded products, including Bisto, Paxo, McDougalls flour, Atora and One-Cal and Capri-Sun soft drinks, traded excellently and record profits were made by its food exporting company.

Our milling and bread baking business improved its result substantially over the previous year. After many years of rationalisation and heavy capital investment, the bread bakeries achieved a full year of profitable trading and their launch of Champion Softgrain bread and new packaging designs for the Hovis and Windmill Bakery brands contributed towards the strong performance of our major brands.

The General Products division made record profits with good contributions coming from its mushrooms, industrial catering, pasta and food retailing operations.

Avana Group plc, with its extensive range of customer own label and branded food products, acquired in 1987, achieved results well above expectations and significantly ahead of the comparable period for last year.

The profits of our overseas operations were considerably improved despite the fact that the USA pasta business was sold early in the financial year. Our remaining USA interests, enlarged by two strategic acquisitions, were well ahead of the previous year. Cerebos Pacific Limited, despite difficult trading in the Far East, had a further record year with excellent contributions from Australia, New Zealand and the growing restaurant business in Singapore.

Profits arising from disposals of surplus properties continued. The higher interest charges arose from funding part of the cost of acquiring Avana.

PROFITS UP 28%

RESULTS IN BRIEF

	1987	1986
External sales.	£1,544m	£1,414m
Profit before taxation.	£116.1m	£90.8m
Funds employed.	£547m	£532m
Return on funds employed.	24.7%	20.1%
Earnings per Ordinary share.	24.0p	20.7p
Dividends per Ordinary share.	8.49p	6.61p

Final Dividend Increased by 30%

The profit for the financial year attributable to the members of the Company is £86.4m. The directors recommend a final dividend of 5.84 pence per share on the Ordinary shares which represents an increase of 30 per cent over last year's final dividend. With the interim dividend already paid, dividends total 8.49 pence per share absorbing £29.0m.

Outlook

Although we are in the early stages of our new financial year, the profits to date are ahead of last year and I am confident that we shall have another record year.


Sir Peter Reynolds CBE, Chairman

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RANKS HOVIS McDUGALL PLC

The 1987 Annual Report will be available from 9 December. If you wish to have a copy please write to: The Secretary, Ranks Hovis McDougall PLC, P.O. Box 178, Alma Road, Windsor, Berks SL4 3ST.

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UNIVERSITY OF NOTTINGHAM

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Each course is single honours and has been designed for students wishing to pursue high quality courses which integrate the study of materials and another engineering discipline.

The courses are three-year full-time leading to a B.Eng. degree, but can be extended to four years for M.Eng.

Further details can be obtained from:

Dr. B. Noble, C.Eng., F.I.M.
Admissions Tutor,
Department of Metallurgy & Materials Science,
University of Nottingham, University Park,
Nottingham NG7 2RD.
Tel: 0602-506101 ext. 2440.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS?

Courses Jan-June 1988

FULL TIME COURSES

- University of London LLB Inter & Part 1
- Chartered Association of Certified Accountants
- Chartered Institute of Management Accountants
- Institute of Data Processing Management
- Institute of Marketing

PART TIME SATURDAY REVIEW COURSES

- CPE/Diploma in Law
- Solicitors' Final
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For further details tel 01-385 3377 or write to the Registrar (Ref TMS),
COMETT Building, 206 Greyhound Road, London W14 9RY

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- *London University LLB in Law with additional Business training.
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- *Career Placement Centre.
- *Opportunity to study in America.

Full details from: Admissions Department, Lansdowne College, 43 Harrington Gardens, London SW7 4JL. Tel: 01-373 7282.

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Department of Electronic Systems Engineering

5-day courses in key areas of

TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION SYSTEMS

The following specialist postgraduate short courses are offered in January-March 1988. They have been developed in consultation with British Telecom and an industrial advisory panel, and combine both industrial and academic contributions.

The courses will be of particular interest to practising engineers who wish to update their knowledge as part of a programme of continuing education. They include lectures, tutorials, seminars by invited speakers, demonstrations and hands-on experience as appropriate.

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| Digital Transmission | 18-22 January 1988 |
| Real-time Computing for Communications Systems | 18-22 January 1988 |
| Satellite and Mobile Radio Systems | 1-5 February 1988 |
| Engineering the Human Computer Interface | 1-5 February 1988 |
| Computer Networks | 15-19 February 1988 |
| Radio Frequency Engineering | 15-19 February 1988 |
| Telecommunication Systems Management and Economics | 29 Feb-4 March 1988 |
| Image Processing | 29 Feb-4 March 1988 |
| Speech Processing | 14-18 March 1988 |
| Performance Engineering of Computer and Communication Systems | 14-18 March 1988 |

The registration fee for each course is £485.
For further details contact:
Mrs J.E. Mead,
Department of Electronic Systems Engineering,
University of Essex,
Wivenhoe Park, Colchester, CO4 3SQ, UK
Telephone (0206) 872419

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2 Artwright Road,
London NW3 6AD.
Telephone: 01-435 7831

LL.B. DEGREE

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London NW3 6AD.
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The Young Adventurer,
422 Strand Street,
Barnes TW8 1ST
Jobs 18-30/78 Tel: (0888) 64211

HORIZONS

A guide to career choice



Building towards the future

Surveying is a booming profession and with the increasing demand for services unemployment among young surveyors is less than 0.2 per cent.

In London, the reasons are not hard to find. After Big Bang, many financial institutions are moving out of the Square Mile into offices more suited to the new information technology era. Elsewhere, the Government's drive to restore the inner cities, plus projects such as the Channel tunnel, are contributing factors.

Surveyors specialise in many different aspects - building surveying, quantity surveying, general practice, minerals, agriculture, planning and development.

"Although there is a steady supply of people entering the profession demand is extremely heavy for general practice surveyors and also high for building surveyors and quantity surveyors," says Chris Greaves of Montrose Technical Recruitment, which places surveyors.

This demand is pushing up salaries so that a qualified chartered surveyor in London with two years' experience is now getting £20,000 a year, plus car.

Those considering a career in surveying must first decide which of the options interests them most. Surveyors are office-based but not office-bound. They must be just as at home scrambling up ladders and around a building or measuring a piece of land as they are phoning clients in the relative comfort of their office. They must also be able to communicate with clients through drawings, written reports and presentations, and handle the technical aspects.

While the early studies of those who begin academic courses to become chartered surveyors has much in common, the latter part of their education and training concentrates on specialist areas. Their professional body, the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), sets the standards and routes by which trainees become qualified.

There are many ways into the profession. The minimum qualification is five GCE passes including mathematics and English, of which two subjects must be studied at the equivalent of A-level. For some areas of surveying an A-level in mathematics is mandatory. Many students enter the profession after completing A-levels, but those with one A-level join following studies of BTEC HNC or HND courses in a relative subject.

Others take degree courses in surveying or join the profession after studying for a degree in another subject.

Depending on the relevance of a trainee's previous academic study, there is a requirement to complete further studies and training to a different degree before reaching professional status.

A person with a degree in surveying is exempt from all the professional examinations and must spend two to three years gaining the experience required to pass the institution's test of professional competence. This is not an examination but rather the presentation

As the need for surveyors rises, prospects are good, reports Neil Harris

of a written critical analysis of a project on which the trainee is engaged, including drawings and photographs. Graduates with degrees which are not relevant to surveying gain exemption from the first of the institution's examinations.

Those who enter straight from school after gaining two A-levels, or their equivalent, take a more onerous route through part-time day release or distance learning courses. They can study for the institution's examinations or take the Diploma in Surveying course offered by the College of Estate Management at Reading, Berkshire.

When academic study is completed all trainees must enter professional training and eventually submit to the test of professional competence.

There are numerous opportunities now for general practice surveyors, building surveyors and quantity surveyors. Demand is less for land, mineral and agricultural surveyors who are less numerous among the 80,000 chartered surveyors registered with the RICS.

Many surveyors are in private practice, advising clients about property values, legal matters such as compensation for compulsory purchase, rating contracts between landlords and tenants. Some chartered surveyors are also estate agents, giving advice on the purchase and sale of property and the cost of its renovation or change of use, though few estate agents these days are qualified chartered surveyors.

Building surveyors are involved in site surveys, the drawing of detailed plans,

the choice of building materials, advice on the methods of construction and sometimes the supervision of building contractors. They may be concerned with shopping centres, housing developments, industrial premises or public buildings. Through their knowledge of planning regulations and other legal requirements they maintain safety standards and arbitrate in disputes between property owners and building contractors. They are also concerned with the renovation, maintenance or extension of existing buildings.

Quantity surveyors estimate the costs of any new development. These start with professional fees incurred at the design stage and also include the costs of site clearance, materials, labour, insurance, taxes and any other charges which may accrue. They advise on the financial consequences of different designs, monitor expenditure as construction work progresses and often estimate the costs of running a development on completion.

They also advise on the contractual and financial arrangements between the participants in the project. Quantity surveyors can work on anything from a power station to an oil rig, the Channel tunnel to a housing scheme.

Many surveyors are employed in private practice, but there are also opportunities to work in central and local government. However, in recent years there has been a decline in the number of surveyors employed in the public sector and a gradual increase of those working in private practice.

The Property Services Agency, part of the Department of the Environment, is responsible for all government buildings and is a major recruiter of surveyors. Local authorities need surveyors not just to look after their own property but to administer the planning and development of the environment which is within their control. Property developers, housing associations, retail and industrial companies are also major employers.

It is not surprising, given the greater demand for surveyors' services, that their numbers have been rising rapidly. There are now 23 per cent more building surveyors than there were three years ago. The profession has been attracting more able people and for those with an interest in improving the environment, surveying must be a tempting prospect.

UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS

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League to investigate Maxwell

By Stuart Jones
Football Correspondent

Robert Maxwell now has a significant interest in four football clubs, following his purchase of Watford from Elton John. Maxwell, whose football activities will be investigated by the Football League management committee on Thursday, has a 25 per cent shareholding in Reading in addition to holdings in Derby County, where he is chairman, and Oxford United, where his son, Kevin, is chairman.

The committee will be particularly concerned that Maxwell still has the largest single block of shares at Reading, the club he attempted to merge with Oxford.

Philip Carter, the president of the League, admitted yesterday that Maxwell has been asked more than once about his position at Elm Park. "We are aware that he has a holding at Reading," he said. "His chairman, Roger Smee, has approached the Football League a couple of times about this matter."

"On each occasion, we wrote to Mr Maxwell asking him about his intentions. He has made it known that he would be happy to sell his shares there," The Reading board, many of whose plans have

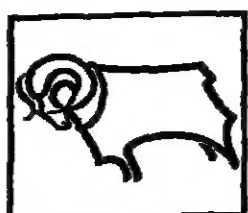
been hindered, would provide Carter with a profoundly different view.

The club claims that Maxwell has regularly blocked moves ranging from a rights issue to the number of directors that should sit on the board.

Maxwell has declared his intention to fight the League management committee in support of his position. The first round of the contest will be staged in Manchester and the members of the committee would seem to have little option but to agree that Maxwell has breached regulation 80, which states: "No official may, at any one time, either directly or indirectly be involved in any capacity whatsoever in the management or administration of more than one club."

Maxwell does not disguise his role at Derby County, where he is the chairman. He maintains that his "personal commitment remains exclusively" at the Baseball Ground. He could, and surely will, argue that Oxford United, controlled by his son, is run along separate and independent lines.

But to defend his position at Watford and Reading would require the flexibility of a contortionist if he is to squeeze through a loophole in the rule.



Maxwell's clubs? (from left) Derby County, Oxford United, Reading and Watford

Can the League's committee avoid interpreting, for example, Maxwell's obstruction of the rights issue at Reading as "being involved in any capacity whatsoever in the management or administration" of the club?

Can they also believe that Watford, with John Holloran as the new chairman, will be an autonomous body? A League spokesman confirmed yesterday that there would seem to be a significant difference between a relative of the family and the chief executive of a company (in this case, British Printing and Communication Corporation).

The evidence would appear to be indisputable and yet the committee, a body which is notorious for its indecision, is likely to find itself debating the case

from a position of embarrassing weakness. Maxwell has already pointed out one of the visible flaws in his opposition.

"Nobody has complained about the Moores family controlling Everton and Liverpool," he said. John Moores does indeed own more than half of the shares at Goodison Park and he is the biggest shareholder at Anfield. Carter, wearing his potentially uncomfortable hat as the Everton chairman, yesterday dismissed Maxwell's claim.

"It is nonsense to suggest that John Moores or his family owns both clubs," he said. "That is not the case and it never has been. John Moores has not been involved with Everton in any sort of way since he retired as a director in 1977."

It is legitimate to hold shares in more than one club (the practice is widespread, particularly in the larger cities, and at least one member of the management committee does so). But Carter should not be surprised if in the near future he hears Maxwell echoing his own words.

Regulation 80 was introduced some six years ago specifically to prevent Ron Noades from retaining control at Wimbledon after he had bought Crystal Palace from Ray Bloye. Noades, who now happens to be on the committee, is as fate would have it a member of the jury.

Even if Maxwell is found guilty of contravening a rule which is far from exact, the League spokesman pointed out that he could refuse to accept the judgment. "There are no sanctions, such as fines or suspension, that would rectify the situation." So what penalty could be imposed?

The committee is likely to hand the responsibility back to those it is supposed to represent by calling for an extraordinary general meeting. The only action open might be to expel one of Maxwell's clubs, a move that the League has over the years resisted with all its might.

END COLUMN

Bit part for a former star

By Clive White

They say football belongs to the people, yet there was an uneasy feeling last week that it was being auctioned off behind our backs. It was not enough to learn that they are looking for our priceless FA Cup for beer money, but the sale of Watford was somehow more romantically depressing, like the corner shop that is suddenly swallowed up by a supermarket chain.

Elton John, rock singer and Watford chairman and captain, had been the melodic voice of the people, the terrace supporter in the boardroom. But even his self-made fortune was not enough to resist the overtures of big business when BPCC, a subsidiary of the Maxwell empire, offered him £2 million for his 95 per cent holding of Watford.

Now the Maxwell coat of arms can be found above the doorway to three first division clubs: Derby County, where Ian Maxwell was chairman but it is now his father Robert, Oxford United, where Maxwell senior was chairman but it is now another son, Kevin, with Cheltenham, his daughter, a director at Watford.

New blood brothers

In his long black coat and hat, Elton John might have been attending a funeral on Saturday. He certainly looked as though he had sold his soul, watching his Watford (until December 8) fight a diplomatic 1-1 draw with Oxford United, their new blood brothers. John explained that the reason why he sold was because, as he was no longer touring as a stage performer, there was no cash flow coming in.

Changes in company law have also made it much more costly to run a football club these days. "The club has reached a stage where it needs financial security and I don't want to destroy what has been achieved by an act of folly on my part," John said before hurrying away from the Oxford branch of the new owners. "I'm not leaving, I've just been kicked upstairs."

At least the new chairman, John Holloran ("yes, I do exist"), made an appearance and pledged that he would continue to increase the involvement of families at Watford. Holloran, chief executive of BPCC and, less impressively, a Brentford supporter, was rather less supportive when he was asked if he could give some assurance about the future of Dave Bassett, the beleaguered manager of Watford. "No comment," he replied, which was as good as declaring an open season on Bassett, who had already been mercilessly hounded.

Barrage of questions

The tight, twisting corridors of the Manor Ground became a warren packed with Press, radio and television men and they all seemed to be baying for poor Bassett's blood. Maurice Evans, the Oxford manager, had come along to the after-match Press conference clearly with the intention of giving Bassett some moral support, even complimenting him on Watford's play in the first half.

But this was no place for a sportsman like Evans and, visibly distressed by the mounting questions about Bassett's future, he turned on his heels and left.

Bassett, looking drawn (he is said to have lost over half a stone since he took over at Watford in May) stood up well to the barrage of repetitive questions until rescued brusquely by Bertie Mee, the Watford director, on the pretext that the new chairman wanted to meet him. Holloran, in fact, had already left the ground.

But still Bassett doggedly came back for more before his polite defences finally cracked and he launched into a tirade of abuse against the Press and of the treatment he has received from it in recent weeks. He said: "You decide to build up a boy from Wimbledon into a superstar and then you knock him down. At the end of the day you lot will do me a favour and get me the sack. That's the best thing that could happen to me, for me to be paid off."

By his resignation John has, unavoidably, left Bassett almost totally unprotected. Bassett was his appointment and his alone among the eight-man board. Surprisingly, even John's confidante during a splendidly successful 11-year partnership, Graham Taylor, was never consulted about who should replace him when he left Watford.

Woosnam shapes Welsh victory

From Mitchell Platts, Golf Correspondent, Maui, Hawaii

The World Cup of Golf, steeped in the tradition of pitting heroes with underdogs, reached a fitting finale here on Saturday when Wales overcame Scotland in a sudden death play-off on Kapalua's rain-saturated Bay Course.

Ian Woosnam, Golfer of the Year, linked with David Lewellyn, the archetypal journeyman, to provide Wales with their proudest golfing moment since Dai Rees captured Great Britain their victory in the Ryder Cup in 1957.

For Woosnam, it continued a staggering sequence of success. He also won the International Trophy, as the individual winner, and in total £85,000 to lift his official prize winning this year to £450,000.

For Lewellyn the £38,000 which he earned, as his share of the team prize, is only £10,000 short of the £68,000 which he is paying for a new house in Thirsk. "My wife, Brydie, is moving the family in on Tuesday because I'm heading from here to the Australian Open. She'll be thrilled. We've won a new home for Christmas."

Woosnam and Lewellyn certainly earned their victory. The final round took 6hrs and 40min to unfold in driving rain on the Bay course which was barely playable at times as near gale-force winds buffeted the players on the exposed greens and made putting a treacherous ordeal.

Woosnam, with a final round of 72 for a 14-under-par aggregate of 274, secured the individual title by five shots from Sandy Lyle, of Scotland, who carded a 71. Wales had begun one shot behind Scotland with Lewellyn taking 76 to Sam Torrance's 78 the two teams finished tied with

two-under-par totals of 574, with the United States team of Ben Crenshaw and Payne Stewart two shots further back.

At the 18th Torrance had hooked his second shot out of bounds, the ball finishing an irritating six inches beyond the white posts, and Woosnam calculated that he and Lewellyn, both on the green in three each needed two putts for Wales to win. "I wanted David to have the glory so I told him to mark his ball after he had putted up to within a few inches."

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Hole	Yds	Par	Hole	Yds	Par
1	504	5	10	527	5
2	372	4	11	408	4
3	411	4	12	220	3
4	357	4	13	345	4
5	305	3	14	349	4
6	510	5	15	410	4
7	255	4	16	371	4
8	162	3	17	192	3
9	453	4	18	352	4
Out 3:37 36		In 3:43 36			
Total yardage: 6,761		Par 72			

Woosnam explained. "Then I lagged-up anxious not to make any mistakes, because I thought it would be enough. But Sandy holed from five feet for a birdie and Sam from the same distance for a six. I should have been more positive with my putt. Somebody better buy me a calculator for Christmas."

Lewellyn, however, eventually enjoyed the glory. At the second extra hole — the long 18th — he hit his third shot into a green-side bunker. He splashed out to six feet from where he holed what turned out to be the winning putt for the luckless Torrance needed three putts from 22 feet. For Lewellyn that putt meant as much to him as the one that Eamonn Darcy holed in the Ryder Cup two months ago.

Barnes out for long spell after operation

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Smart Barnes, the Bath stand-off half, underwent an operation in Coventry yesterday after his cheekbone had been broken in five places during his team's Courage Clubs Championship match with Coventry at Condon Road on Saturday.

He was concussed after going into a tackle but, according to Richard Seaman, the Bath team secretary, stressed when he came round that it was a complete accident. "It's a terrible blow and I can't imagine we will be seeing much of him for the rest of the season," Seaman added.

Barnes, aged 25, who has won seven England caps, will miss the Toshiba divisional championship next month and consideration for the five nations championship.

He had been due to train with the England squad at Worcester yesterday. Bath will also miss him when they resume their quest in January for a fifth successive John Player Special Cup.

Barnes was omitted from the England squad which took part in the World Cup last summer after withdrawing as a replacement for the Wales-England game. Rob Andrew (Wasp), then the sitting tenant, conceded the stand-off position to Peter Williams (Leicester) has presented a strong case as England's best No. 10 for the past two seasons.

He engineered the defeat of Wasps in Saturday's championship match and, though 33 with the last of his 10 caps in 1984, is still a year younger than Richard Harding (Bristol), who was England's World Cup scrum half.

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Maximum exposure: Garner of Derby holds off a challenge from Clarke of Chelsea

Gregory's goal and Shilton milestone are saving graces

By Clive White

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Taking advantage of Chelsea's impotence away from the stirring confines of Stamford Bridge, Derby presented Peter Shilton, their England goalkeeper, with a victory to celebrate his 1,000th club appearance yesterday at the Baseball Ground.

Other than the Shilton landmark it was not a particularly memorable match, piling all the more so by its proximity to last week's television spectacular from Old Trafford. But if the game's interest was lost on the nation's armchair viewers, it certainly caused the people of Derby to turn out in force. The gate of 18,644 was 2,000 up on their average.

It was difficult to understand why. Derby, with five goals in seven previous home games, have not shown themselves to be the world's greatest entertainers, even if Chelsea, with 19 goals now conceded in nine away games, were always likely to be willing victims.

A niggly, at times scruffy match, was saved though from complete anonymity by a stupendous volleyed goal by Gregory, the Derby midfielder, that television is likely to replay *ad infinitum* in the months ahead.

The presence of the cameras also provided Robert Maxwell, the publishing magnate and footballing impresario, with the opportunity to demonstrate his allegiance to Derby in the midst of his family's takeover at Watford. Donning a Derby hat and scarf, which looked just as ridiculous as the jockey cap he had worn at Oxford the day before, he ordered a team photo with himself in the middle.

Though Maxwell may be a man of many hats, one man who has even more is Shilton — 94 caps, in fact. Providing he misses no more than one League appearance this season, he will pass Terry Paine's League record of 824 appearances. On the evidence of his well-being yesterday, that should be a formality. One tremendous save to a shot by Wilson confirmed his position as the country's leading goalkeeper.

However, his team colleague, Wright was rather less impressive in attempting to

strengthen his England claim to the centre back position in the absence of Butcher. He conceded a penalty in the eighteenth minute with a clumsy tackle on Durie but, fortunately for him, the same Chelsea player casually drove it against the inside of one of Shilton's posts while the goalkeeper dived the other way and the ball rebounded to safety.

Durie and Clarke, for Chelsea and MacLaren and Williams, for Derby, were booked in a game where mounting Derby pressure just before half-time eventually gave way to a headed goal by the unmarked Cross in the 53rd minute.

Victory was confirmed in the 77th minute when Derby finished with a positive flourish by their standards after McLaughlin had needlessly conceded a corner. Callaghan curled in the cross, Williams knocked it back into the middle and Gregory volleyed home spectacularly.

DERBY COUNTY: P. Shilton; R. MacLaren, Forsyth, G. Williams, M. Wright, P. Blades, N. Callaghan, A. Garner, P. Best, J. Gregory, S. Cross.

CHelsea: R. Freeman; S. Clarke, A. Dorgo, G. Hall, J. McLaughlin, D. Wood, P. Newton, M. Hazard (Sub: K. Wilson), J. Gospy (Sub: R. Wignall), G. Durie, C. Wilson.

Referee: M. G. Pack. More football, page 38

SPORT IN BRIEF

Isis reach last 16

In the closest match of the fourth round on Saturday, Isis, of Oxford, beat Desborough, of Maidenhead, 87-86 to advance to the last 16 of the McCarthy and Stone national indoor club bowls championship on January 16 (Gordon Allan writes). They will face Cotswold, Tony Allcock's club, who beat Christie Miller 97-67.

Playing at home, Bret Long a past EBA singles finalist, had a 30-24 win for Desborough over Bob Killick's rink. But Mike Gallagher (away) and Gary Harrington (home) won 19-16 and 26-22 for Isis. Chris Allen (home) drew 18-18 and his was relieved that an extra end was not necessary. In the South, Cyphers registered their third three-figure score of the season in this competition — 103-55 over Crystal Palace.



Smith selected

Full strength

Britain have entered their strongest team for the Brussels World Cup show in Belgium from Thursday to Sunday. John and Michael Whitaker, Harvey Smith and his son, Robert, Malcolm Pyrah, Nick Skelton and Liz Edgar will represent Britain at the show. The World Cup event will take place next Sunday.

Jansher wins

Schlieren, Switzerland — The world squash champion, Jansher Khan, of Pakistan, beat Chris Dittmar, of Australia, 9-7, 9-5, 9-3 to win the Swiss Masters yesterday (Reuters reports). Jansher defeated his compatriot and world No. 1, Jahangir Khan, on Saturday, in the semi-final.

On the beat

The Formula One racing driver, Nigel Mansell, has joined the Isle of Man's 50-strong special constabulary. At his home in Port Erin, he said he hoped to be on the beat before Christmas.

Move by Old

Chris Old, the former England bowler, has left Northumberland County Cricket club after two years and joined Harrogate.

Lancias gear up for domination

By Andrew Longmore

The dominance of the Lancias showed even earlier than expected on the first day of the RAC rally yesterday.

After seven of the 48 special stages, mainly through the picturesque country parks of the Midlands, the Lancias occupied the first three places ahead of the two Ford Sierras, with Juhani Kankkunen leading by 35sec from his world championship rival, Markku Alen. Fifty-six seconds covered the top five drivers.

The lead between the two top Lancia drivers changed almost as much as the weather, which was alternately bright and wet. Alen was four seconds quicker at Weston Park, but Kankkunen led overall by just one second after four stages.

Two stages later, Alen was a second ahead, only to lose 36sec on the Chatsworth stage, handing Kankkunen an overnight lead for the Welsh forest stages today.

British interest throughout the day centred on Jimmy McRae, of Scotland, in his Ford Sierra, and David Lewellyn, of Wales, in his Audi Quattro. McRae was second fastest on the opening



tarmac stage at Oulton Park, where the superior power of the Sierra was most noticeable.

Indeed, the Sierras took the top three positions at Oulton, Stig Blomqvist leading and Mark Lovell.

But heavy overnight rain effectively put paid to the chances of the two-wheel-drive Fords maintaining their lead in the park conditions. "It was very slippery out there," McRae said. "We had hoped to be able to match the Lancias today. Although we haven't done too badly, it could have been better."

The other English favourite, Russell Brookes, took time to get used to his new Lancia Delta and drove unrespectably but steadily to be tenth. LEADING POSITIONS later seventh stage: 1. J. Kankkunen (Fin), Lancia 001; 2. M. Alen (Fin), Lancia 001; 22-48: 3. M. Eriksson (Swe), Lancia 001; 23-49: 4. S. Blomqvist (Swe), Ford Sierra 2200; 5. J. McRae (Sco), Ford Sierra 2200; 6. P. Burslem (Eng), Mazda 626; 7. M. Sanderford (Wales), Audi Quattro; 22-49: 8. D. Lewellyn (Wales), Audi Quattro; 22-49: 9. S. Helder (Austria), Opel Kadett; 22-49: 10. R. Brookes (Eng), Lancia Delta, 22-47.

Good day for banking

A chill wind blew down Park Avenue, New York, yesterday as teams of runners from Britain and Ireland dominated the Manufacturers Hanover Corporate Challenge International final (a Special Correspondent writes).

Individually, the 3½-mile race was won by Dennis Simjanovic, from Boston, who finished 12 seconds clear after breaking away in the darkness

of the half-mile tunnel through which the route took the runners. But the prized laurels for business teams went to the National Westminster Bank squads that took first prizes in both men's and women's events, led respectively by Mike Quinn, who placed seventh, and Gillian Dainty, who was beaten only by Ann-Marie Kiernan-Buckley, of Dublin's Revenue Commissioners.

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